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GENERAL Lauris Norstad, Supreme Commander of Nato, has come out with a forthright statement regarding the responsibility he is expected to assume. He has warned the 15-nation Ministerial Council that he cannot carry out his defence plans unless European air defences are unified and placed under a single command.

At last someone has spoken up and said that the business of Nato and its atomic stockpiles based on Western Europe, are there for a purpose.

And that purpose is to stop another power launching a new war. Or if it should, to hit back quick and hard.

AS depressing as all that seems, it is far better to have a commander who faces facts. Rockets and bombs exist for only one purpose. That is to be fired. Whether their firing is for aggression or retaliation is a matter for the future. After they are fired, it won't matter much because there will not be any future for anyone.

Such are the facts left unspoken by General Norstad. Nevertheless, by facing his committee with the facts of air defence, it is hoped that the nations forming Nato and those who form the other power block will now, in the light of plain unvarnished statements, realise exactly what they are about.

His statement further reveals that Nato has divided its contributing powers into "have" and "have not" groups. There are those who have nuclear power, and those who have not.

THOSE who have not are unhappy about this business, in particular France. It seems that France might be quite willing to have a unified command if she could come in on an equal basis with Britain and the United States who have already tried out their nuclear weapons.

While seeing the French point of view, and while agreeing that no nation has suffered so much from war during this century, the fact is that any division in Nato would be fatal, and never so fatal as at this moment.

Therefore, we must agree with General Norstad. If you are going to defend, you must have all the potential ready to do so. And the only way to do that properly is to have a unified command.

GOVERNMENT RELEASE QUASHES SPECULATION NO SELF-RULE FOR COLONY

Macleod Denies Report By U.S. Periodical

The Secretary of State for the Colonies, Mr. Iain Macleod has officially denied an American report that Hongkong will become a self-governing territory within the next four years.

The denial was released today by His Excellency the Governor, Sir Robert Black.

In an official statement released through the Government Information Service, The Governor said that he has been authorised to say that Mr Macleod made "no such statement."

The release stated that the denial has been made "in view of speculation caused by republication in Hongkong newspapers of an item in the current issue of the U.S. magazine Newsweek."

Magazine's Claim

The article in Newsweek was to the effect that Mr Macleod had said recently that a number of colonies including Hongkong will become "self-governing" territories in the Commonwealth within the next four years.

The article said that Macleod gave this message to political leaders during last week's tour to Malta and British Territories in Africa.

"Some twenty colonies regarded as too small or too weak to full independence will become 'self-governing' territories within the Commonwealth," Mr Macleod was reported as saying.

These colonies would include Hongkong, Gibraltar, Mauritius, Fiji, British Honduras and British Guiana.

U.S. Planes Collide

Ottawa, Dec. 17. Two United States Air Force planes, a B-47 jet bomber and an F-102 fighter, collided in mid-air and crashed in northwest Ontario Province today while taking part in Air Defence manoeuvres.

It was not known how many men were aboard the two planes, which fell to earth some 250 miles from Sault-Sainte-Marie.

There was believed to be at least one survivor, a man who was seen walking in the snow near the scene of the crash.

Three Canadian planes and two helicopters were flying to the area.

The fighter came from Kincheise, Michigan, while the bomber was based in Little Rock, Arkansas.—AFP.

FIRST SNOW

Peking, Dec. 18. Winter's first snow fell steadily here today, covering the city with a white blanket.—Reuters.

SCAFFOLDING COLLAPSES: SEVEN INJURED

Seven people, including four children, were injured this morning when a bamboo scaffolding surrounding a building under construction, collapsed.

The accident occurred in the busy Shamshulpo area of Kowloon, at Kung Street, at 11 a.m.

A spokesman of the Hongkong Fire Brigade said this morning that the scaffolding collapsed onto the pavement and part onto the street, trapping three Chinese women and four children.

One woman was detained in hospital for further treatment, while the remainder were discharged.

Clash In Commons Over Inquiry Into Rhodesian Issue

London, Dec. 17.

The Prime Minister, Mr Harold Macmillan, and the leader of the Labour opposition, Mr Hugh Gaitskell, clashed sharply in the House of Commons today over the Monckton Commission shortly to visit the Rhodesian Federation.

The commission is to pave the way for a review next year of the Federation's constitution. Labour has been invited but has refused to nominate members for the commission.

There were loud interruptions when Mr Gaitskell pressed Mr Macmillan to comment on recent remarks on the already controversial issue of the Commission's terms of reference made by Sir Roy Welensky, Prime Minister of the Federation.

Mr Macmillan refused to comment without seeing the text.

The clash developed from a question by Mr John Stonehouse (Labour) who urged a Parliamentary Commission to replace the Monckton Commission.

When Mr Macmillan rejected the suggestion, Mr Stonehouse said: "The Prime Minister so determined to undermine the authority of this House in relation to the future of the Federation?"

Mr Macmillan emphasised that the government had hoped to associate both parties with the Commission and he was sorry that the hope had not been fulfilled.

REMARKS

Mr Gaitskell attributed to Sir Roy Welensky the remarks:

"I would never be a party to any Commission coming out here to sit in judgment on the Federation and decide whether it was to continue or not. They cannot suggest alternatives to the Federation. I do not see this would be in their terms of reference."

Mr Gaitskell asked: "Do you agree with that interpretation?"

Mr Macmillan replied: "I made it perfectly clear in the discussion we had what was my view of the terms of reference and what the Commission could or could not do."

Pressed for enlargement, Mr Macmillan began to suggest that he should have notice of the question in order to see the text of the remarks, but the rest of his answer was drowned by shouts of protest from the opposition.

Found Dead In Ice-Box

Donna, Dec. 18.

Mrs Harry Earle, 62, whose body was found by her husband in their deep freezer yesterday died of suffocation, an autopsy showed today.

Mrs Earle had been missing more than 24 hours when her husband opened the freezer and found her body. She was dressed in a house-coat and pyjamas and her small body was bent tightly to fit inside the narrow compartment of the chest-type freezer. The freezer was half-filled with food.

There was no evidence of violence.—UPI.

No Change In Nato's Defence Plans

Paris, Dec. 17.

The North Atlantic pact nations agreed tonight that a "determined effort is required to guarantee the necessary strength of the alliance."

The communiqué at the end of three days of the annual Nato review also said current Nato defence plans "remain valid." This was a reference to the goals of integration announced two years ago and which are now opposed by France.

This debate was not mentioned in the communiqué. Neither were there concrete pledges that Europeans would pay a bigger share of Nato defence—as the United States is asking.

The official communiqué said the Atlantic Council "expressed confidence that on the basis of the progress already achieved and in view of the favourable economic developments in most Nato countries, this essential task (meeting Nato's defence needs) is certainly within the ability of the alliance as a whole."

However, there was no pledge for greater European financial support for Nato, as the United States has insisted must take place.

Discussion

The communiqué said the Ministers had a full discussion on forthcoming summit talks between east and west "and agreed on the procedure whereby Nato will continue to participate in these discussions on December 22 after the meeting of heads of government, and a second communiqué will then be issued."

The communiqué said the Ministers "unanimously reaffirmed their confidence in the North Atlantic alliance, and agreed that it will remain indispensable during the coming years. They instructed the permanent council to undertake long-term planning to cover the next ten years, on the objectives of the alliance in the political, military, scientific and economic fields, and in regard to arms control."

The communiqué added "The council reaffirmed that general and controlled disarmament remains the goal of the West. Every opportunity will be taken to make progress in this direction. Until the goal is achieved, however, the Atlantic alliance cannot afford to neglect the measures necessary for its security."

In a news conference after the communiqué was issued

the number of unemployed in Britain dropped by almost 10,000 between November 10 and December 7, the Ministry of Labour announced last night. There were 421,000 jobless people in Britain on December 7.—China Mail Special.

Churchill Signs TV Contract

London, Dec. 17. Sir Winston Churchill today signed a contract with the American Broadcasting Company for the exclusive rights to film his life, as described in the six volumes of his memoirs.

Negotiations for this project have been going on for three years.

The ABC intends to film for television a series of short documentary pictures relating to the events described by Sir Winston in his memoirs. The commentary will be by Sir Winston himself.—AP.

ROYAL BABY EXPECTED IN JANUARY

London, Dec. 17.

Queen Elizabeth will stay at Buckingham Palace to have her baby in the new year, court officials announced today.

Nurse Helen Rowe, who attended the Queen for the births of Prince Charles and Princess Anne, will be looking after her again, the officials said.

The Queen today recorded her Christmas message to the Commonwealth at the Palace. Normally she follows the tradition first started by her grandfather, the late King George V, and broadcasts direct from the Royal residence at Sandringham.

XMAS MESSAGE

But because of her condition she recorded the message in advance. It is believed to be much shorter than usual. It will be distributed to Commonwealth countries for broadcasting on Christmas morning.

The Queen and her family will spend Christmas at Sandringham as usual. They are scheduled to travel from London by train next Tuesday.

Prince Charles and Princess Anne will travel with their parents. The Queen Mother Elizabeth and Princess Margaret also will be in the party.

The Queen is expected to return to Buckingham Palace in time for Prince Charles' new school term, which begins on January 18.

The baby is expected at the end of January or early February.—AP.

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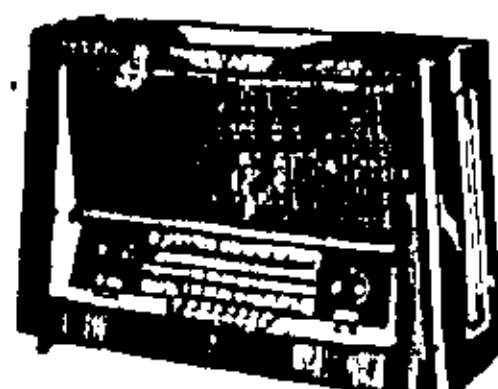
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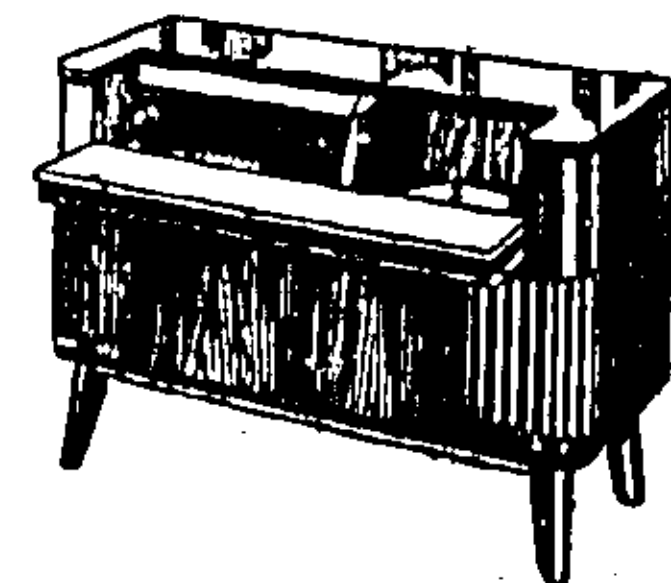
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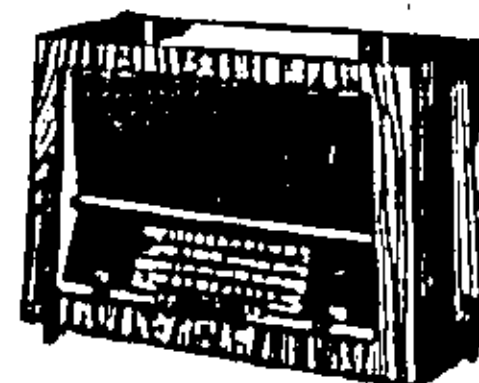
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Shouts Greet Baudouin

AFRICANS DEMAND 'INDEPENDENCE' FOR CONGO

Stanleyville, Belgian Congo, Dec. 17.
King Baudouin of the Belgians arrived on Thursday for a two-week study tour of the troubled Belgian Congo and was greeted by Africans shouting "Independence."

The demonstrators also demanded freedom for an African leader gaoled on charges of leading riots in Stanleyville less than a month ago.

On Thursday night in a broadcast over Radio Stanleyville the King said, "I try before all to serve your own interests and your own personal happiness."

Belgium has promised the Congo independence as soon as intertribal strife ends and plans for setting up a Government are co-ordinated by African leaders and Belgian Officials.

LOCAL CUSTOMS

"The time has come," the King said in his speech, "to satisfy the legitimate aspirations of the inhabitants of the Congo and at the same time avoid the disappointments of uncontrolled evolution."

"This stage Belgium enters now with resolution. Spontaneously and generously she calls the Congo to a new independence. Free from imposing preconceived solutions, she wishes the Congo to suggest institutions adapted to local customs and preferences and meeting with the needs of the country."

After the King's speech, Auguste De Schryver, Minister for the Congo, said in a broadcast "This accession (to independence) must take place in calm and discipline." He said King Baudouin's speech marked a new step toward independence and added:

"Authorities will insure order will reign during the coming months which will be decisive for the Congo."—AP.

Message For Nadine

Indianapolis, Dec. 17.
Chief matron Mildred Lynch can't let women prisoners at the Marion County Jail answer the telephone, but there's no rule against her carrying messages, especially for Cupid.

A man who identified himself as "Tiny" telephoned from Mattoon, Illinois, and asked to talk with Nadine Deak, 33, of Mattoon. He pleaded: "Ma'am, it's almost Christmas. I want to buy Nadine a ring and get married at Christmas. Would you ask her if she will marry me?"

Mrs. Lynch made a quick trip to the cell and back. Nadine's answer:

"Yes, I'll marry him. Tell him to come and get me." Tiny arrived from Mattoon on Wednesday, paid Nadine's \$25 (\$29) intoxication fine and took her from the jail. —AP.

'I AM NOT WORRIED ABOUT DYING,' DR. DOOLEY SAYS

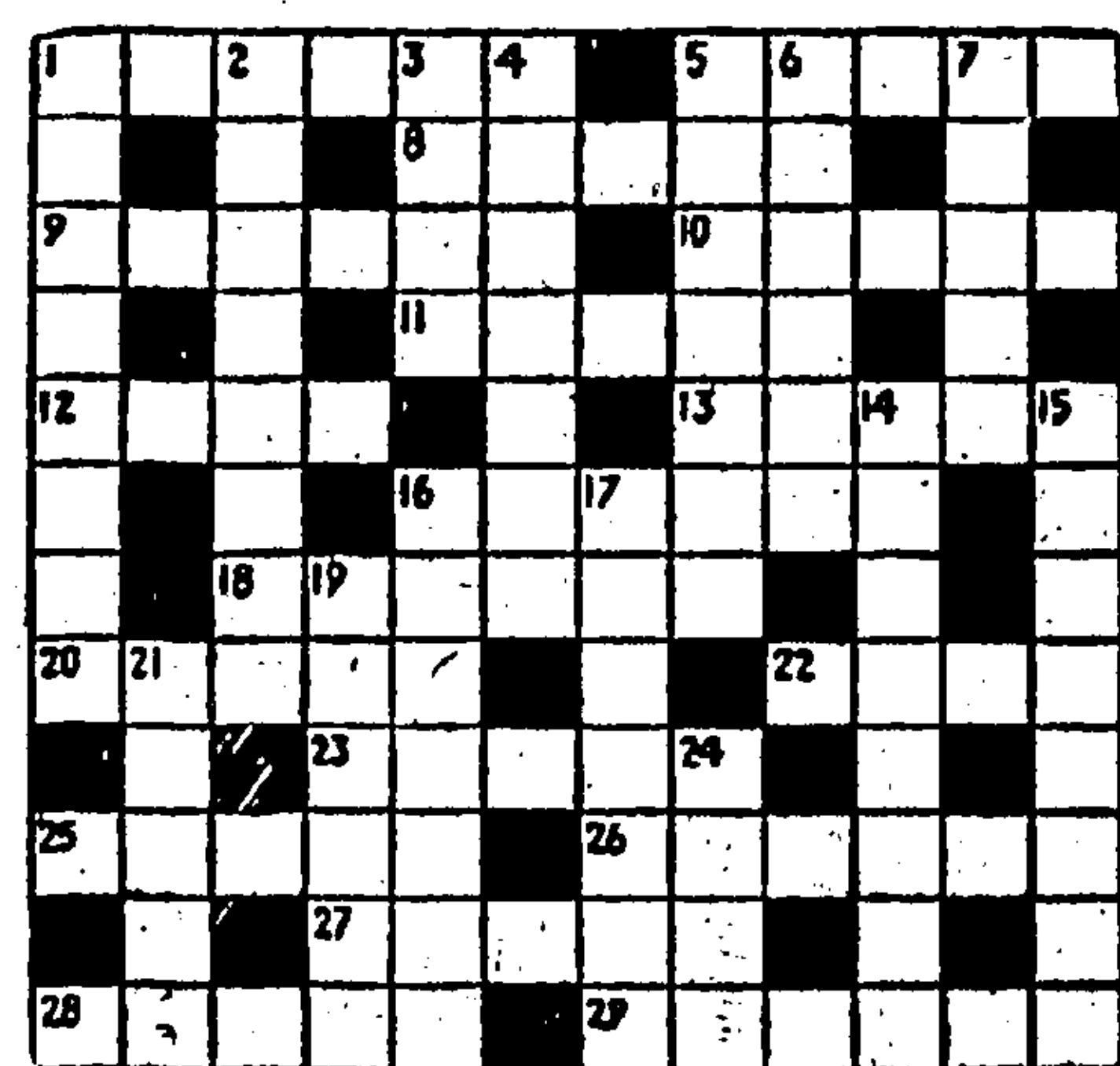
London, Dec. 17.

Dr Tom Dooley, who says he is "the happiest man alive" though he has only about 18 months to live, arrived in London by air from New York today on his way to build hospitals in the Far East.

Dr Dooley, 32-year-old ex-sailor from St. Louis, Missouri, is on his way back to Laos where he has already helped build four hospitals in the jungle hinterland. He has now raised enough money in a whirlwind lecture tour of the United States to build ten more.

Dr Dooley flew home from Laos three months ago for chest and stomach operations. "Believe it or not I am the happiest man alive," he told reporters at London Airport. "When I discovered I was so ill my first thought was 'Oh God' but now I am not worried about dying."—Reuter.

A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- 1 Hit the trail? (3, 3).
 - 5 Break (5).
 - 8 Wood-daisy (5).
 - 9 Corkscrew, perhaps, going in first (6).
 - 10 Caesar, for example (5).
 - 11 Having been raised, it's sometimes let off (5).
 - 12 Bridge charge (4).
 - 13 Officer (5).
 - 16 Bring up finally to cook (6).
 - 18 Ragged (6).
 - 20 River (5).
 - 22 It's proverbially sound (4).
 - 23 Fish in shallow water? (5).
 - 25 After five the shivering fit is less defined (5).
 - 26 Arithmetical furniture? (6).
 - 27 Went the wrong way (5).
 - 28 A girl's wrong here (5).
 - 29 Scorching (6).
- DOWN**
- 1 Time saving way (5, 3).
 - 2 Pussied round in church (3, 5).
 - 3 Emphatically (4).
 - 4 Black sailors? Awkward customer? (7).
 - 5 Egyptian figure (7).
 - 6 What nose detect (6).
 - 7 Old military headwear (5).
 - 14 His stock is pretty expensive (6).
 - 15 Cashed in, so-to speak (8).
 - 16 Do they take a variety of health? (7).
 - 17 Creates effervescence (7).
 - 19 Follows on (6).
 - 21 Domain (5).
 - 24 Burden or deal, possibly (4).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 1 Scrape; 5 Coins; 8 Airy; 9 Fifties; 11 Anon; (rev); 12 Reason; 14 Vias; 16 Dense; 18 Cheap; 19 Best; 20 Runabout; 24 No-det; 25 T-t-shirt; 26 Aves; 27 T-t-shirt; 28 Bander; Down: 1 Sofa; 3 Rose; 4 Part; 4t; 5 Berta; 6 Cyanide; 7 Ironing; 7 Spanner; 10 Celia; 13 Science; 14 Veronal; 15 Spartan; 17 Editor; 19 Bander; 21 Sire; 22 Maid; 23 Peer.

Film 'On Nuclear Destruction Of World Criticised

New York, Dec. 17.

New York State's Civil Defence Director said tonight that the film, "On The Beach," in which mankind is destroyed by radioactivity, was a "fantasy" which "lacked scientific basis" for some of its ideas on radiation.

The film, based on the Nevill Shute novel, had its world premiere tonight in 17 cities, including Tokyo, London, Moscow and New York.

The film stars Gregory Peck, Ava Gardner, Fred Astaire and Anthony Perkins.

The Civil Defence Director, General C. H. Buchanan said, in a statement that it would give some idea of how deadly radioactive fallout from a nuclear explosion could be. He said: "It is true that more people—many of them two or three hundred miles or more distant from the scene of an attack—can die from effects of radioactive fallout than might be killed in the vicinity of ground zero."

SIMPLE DEFENCE

He added: "However, the story told in 'On The Beach' overlooks the fact that defence against radioactive fallout is not only possible but relatively simple—and that actually few people need die from this aspect of nuclear blast."

"All that is necessary for one to be safe from fallout is that they seek shelter—and provide themselves in advance with enough food, water and other necessities to last anywhere from 48 hours to possibly two weeks until radiation levels are

down low enough for them to venture out again. "On The Beach," whatever its entertainment value, also lacks scientific basis for some of its notions of radioactive phenomena. The radioactive elements released by nuclear explosions are, for the most part, short-lived and do not drift in deadly potency for months."—Reuter.

BABY BORN IN IRON LUNG

New York, Dec. 17.

A baby girl was born in an iron lung on Thursday to a woman lying unconscious from a critical head injury suffered in a fall five days ago.

The 3-pound, 4-ounce infant was reported in excellent condition. A Mamaroneck Hospital spokesman said it was the first time a baby had been born in an iron lung at the hospital and survived. The mother, Mrs. Mary Matrone, 27, suffered a cerebral hemorrhage last Saturday in a fall in her bathroom in the Bronx. She was eight months pregnant. She remains in critical condition.—AP.

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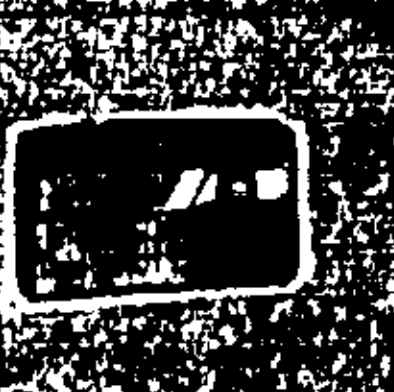
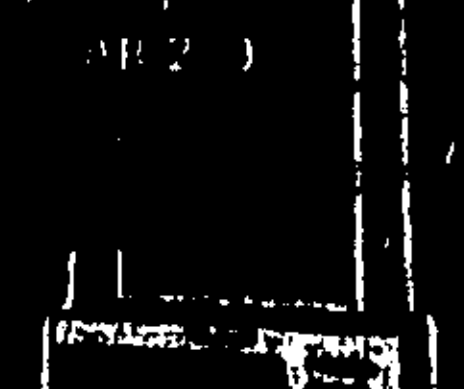
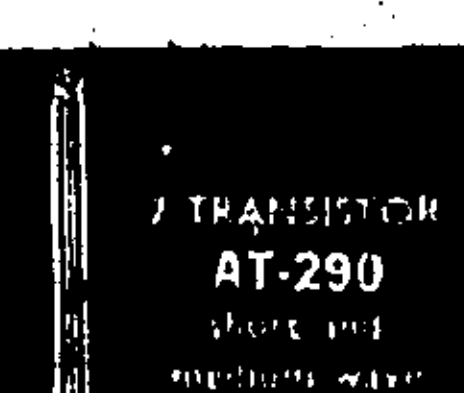
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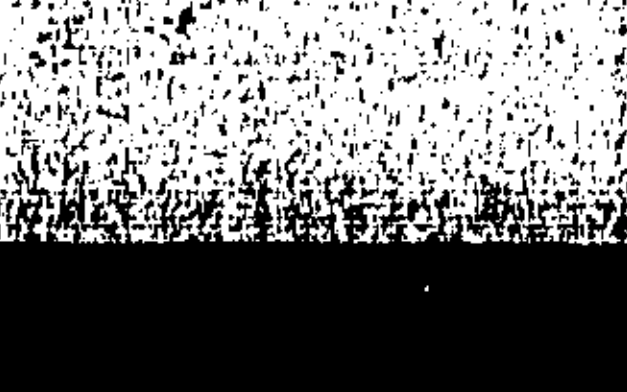
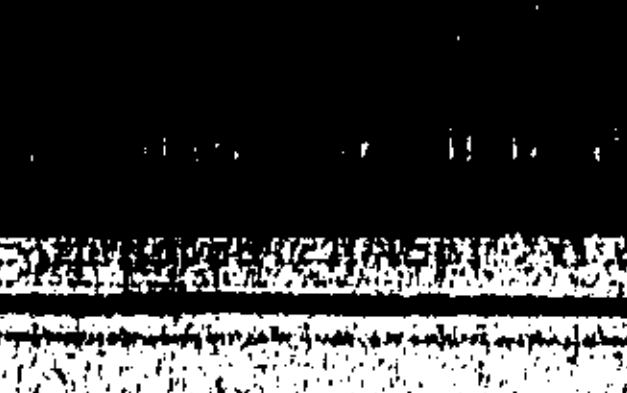
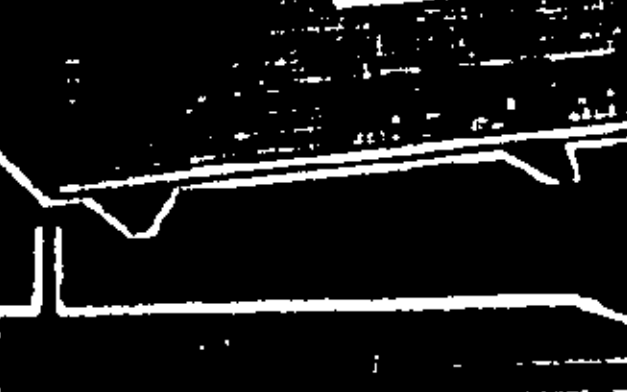
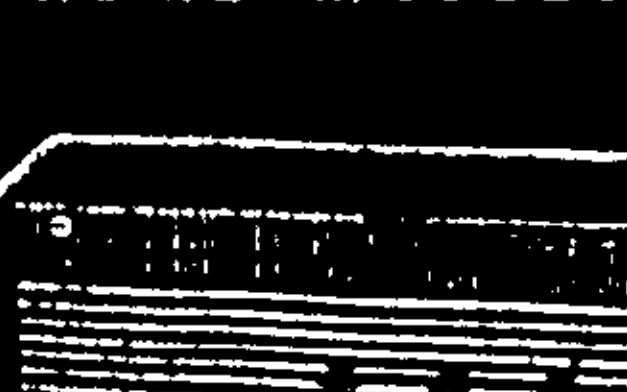
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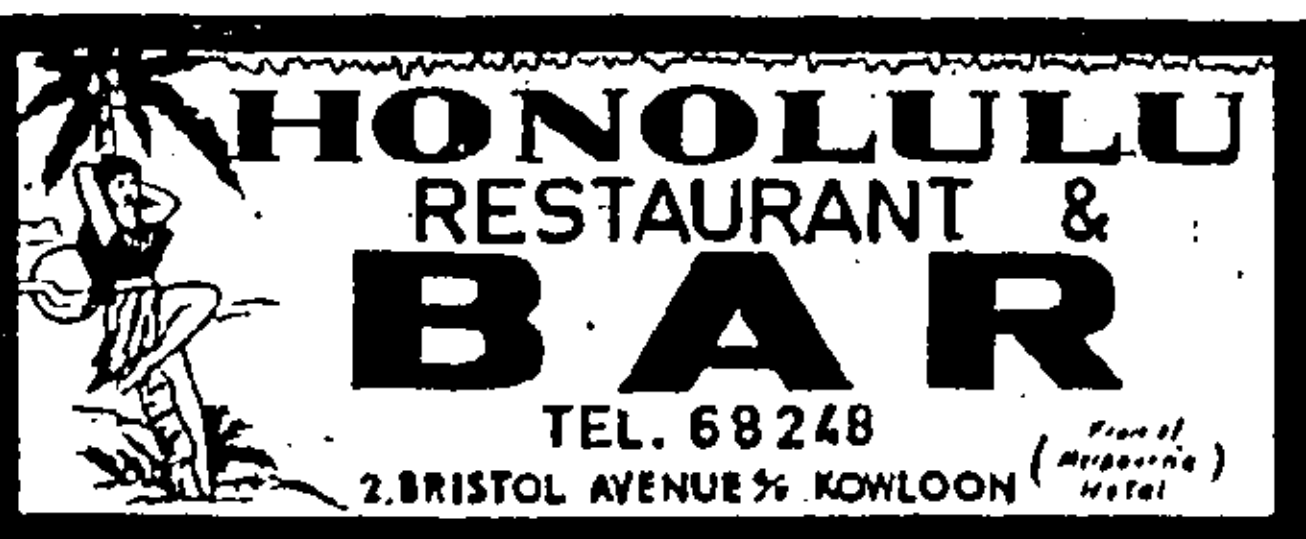
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THE BALALAIKA**Govt. Concedes
To Criticism
Of Telephone
Tapping**

London, Dec. 17.

The British Government last night made a concession to recent criticism of the right of certain professional bodies like the General Medical Council to demand Police evidence—sometimes secured by telephone interception or tapping for production before their disciplinary tribunals.

Mr R. A. Butler, the Home Secretary, told the House of Commons he had set up a committee to make a "close and searching view" of the problem and make recommendations. It would be headed by Lord Simonds, a former Lord Chancellor (Head of the Judiciary). The committee, he said, would consider to what extent, and subject to what conditions, subpoenas should be issuable to secure the attendance of witnesses and the production of documents before disciplinary tribunals. In particular, the committee would consider whether subpoenas should be issuable to secure the production before

such tribunals of evidence obtained by Police officers in the course of criminal investigations. The Home Secretary was facing strong criticism from the Labour Opposition over a case in which a doctor was struck off the General Medical Council's register last month for alleged improper association with a woman patient who committed suicide. The Police made no criminal charge but, on request, handed to the Council the transcript of a phone talk the doctor had with a woman witness in the case. The police had listened in with no permission.—China Mail Special.

**Naturalisation
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Granted**

The following have been granted Certificates of Naturalisation under the British Nationality Act, it was announced in the Gazette this morning:

Mr Lee Chu-cho, shipping merchant, Rm 1, No. 29, Macdonnell Road; Mr Chow Ping, known as Chow Chi-kong, company sales manager, Bowen Mansion, Block 3-7C, Bowen Road, third floor; Mr Wei Ching-ching, airline senior traffic officer, 7, Junction Road, fourth floor, front portion; Mr Lo Sik-hung, known as Lo Kar-wah, company assistant manager, 52, Gramplan Road, ground floor; Mr Chu Yiu-joe, librarian, 33, First Lane, Tai Wai, Shatin, New Territories; Mr Hong-tai Laye, known as John Laye, engineer, 120, Kennedy Road, 1st floor; Mr Siu-lo Wai, architect, 34J, Braem Court, ground floor; Mr Yeh Yuan-chang, engineer and manager, 12, Oxford Road, first floor; Mr Hsu Shao-yung, known as Harry Hsu, known as Harry Shao Yung Hsu, company departmental head, 48, Tin Hau Temple Road, third floor; Mr Koh Hon-luke, known as Phillip Koh, company manager, 25 Johnston Road, first floor; Mr Hui Siu-cham, known as Albert Van Hui, shipping representative, 11, 655, B Block, Flat 2, ground floor, King's Road; Mr Ling Keh-kong, known as David Ling, known as David K. K. Ling, company sales manager, 33, Curzon Road, first floor; Mr John Ling, company departmental manager, of 99B Robinson Road, ground floor; Mr Kwong Jeung-cho, known as Kwong Man-ho, company assistant manager, 5 Ash Street, second floor; Mr Jim Man-tung, known as Jim Kar-sun, student, 4 Fleming Road, third floor; Dr Yau Hsiang-sung, known as Robert Yau Hsiang-sung, known as Robert Yau Hsiang-sung, medical practitioner, Blue Pool Road, fifth floor; Mr Ko Bing, known as Ko Pak-chee, known as Paddy Ko, company director, 4 Hawthorn Road, second floor; Mr Kai-lan Wu, merchant, 28, Flying Dragon Terrace, second floor, Causeway Bay; Mr Leung Wah-tung, servant, 17 Perkins Road; Mr Lee King-fook, clerk, 3 Julia Avenue, ground floor; Mr Chang Chien-ling, known as Chang Chien-ling, known as Chang Chien-ling, secretary, 25 Granville Road, second floor.

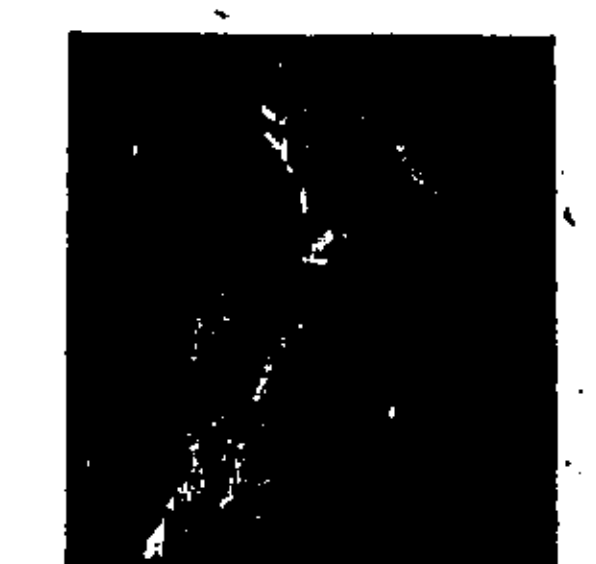
**Recognition
Of Consuls**

The Queen's Exequatur empowering Mr R. M. Sackano Poesporidjo to act as Consul-General for Indonesia at Hongkong has received Her Majesty's signature. The Government Gazette notified today.

Mr Fritz Cordt has been recognised provisionally as Vice-Consul for the Federal Republic of Germany at Hongkong, the Gazette added.

Bicycle Stolen

A bicycle worth \$100 was stolen from outside 114 Tai Nam Street yesterday.

METROPOLE— TO-DAY —
At 2.30, 5.30, 7.30 & 9.30 p.m."THOU SHALT NOT
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**Royal
Performance**

London, Dec. 17.

The Prince of Wales and Princess Anne slipped into a circus here tonight almost unnoticed.

All eyes were on the official visitor—their aunt, Princess Margaret, who was occupying the Royal Box.

Queen Elizabeth's two children were well out of the limelight, away from the Royal Box and in a party a few rows from the ring.

The event was a Royal Performance by the Bertram Mills Circus in aid of Olympic Games and International Equestrian fund.—Reuter.

**HONGKONG'S
ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT
U.S. Comment**

Washington, Dec. 18.

The U.S. Commerce Department's Foreign Commerce Weekly today commented favourably on the possibility of Hongkong establishing a development finance corporation. "If undertaken," the Department commented, "the project may have a broad economic development impact on the Colony, introducing a wider base for a type of industrial development more capable of weathering marketing adversities."

"In an atmosphere offering a host of important advantages to business entrepreneurs, such an innovation also would serve as a basis for greater private American and foreign participation in Hongkong's economic development."—UPI.

**CHARGED
WITH
ESCAPING**

A 34-year-old Chinese worker, charged with escaping from lawful custody was remanded at Kowloon Court today by Mr P. F. X. Leonard until December 22.

Before the court was Cheung Fui, who police alleged operated under the alias of five other names.

Sub-insp. I. W. Elias told the court that Cheung escaped from custody on September 10 while being taken to Kowloon Magistracy.

Two plain clothes detectives escorted Cheung into the dock and stood on either side of him during the short hearing. No plea was taken.

Returning Officer

Mr D. R. Holmes, District Commissioner, the New Territories, has been appointed to be Returning Officer, for the purposes of conducting all elections of the Heung Yee Kuk, the Government Gazette notified today.

Theft From Car

A rear wheel, valued at \$40, was stolen from a private car parked in Yu Chau Street between 10.30 p.m. yesterday and 6 a.m. today.

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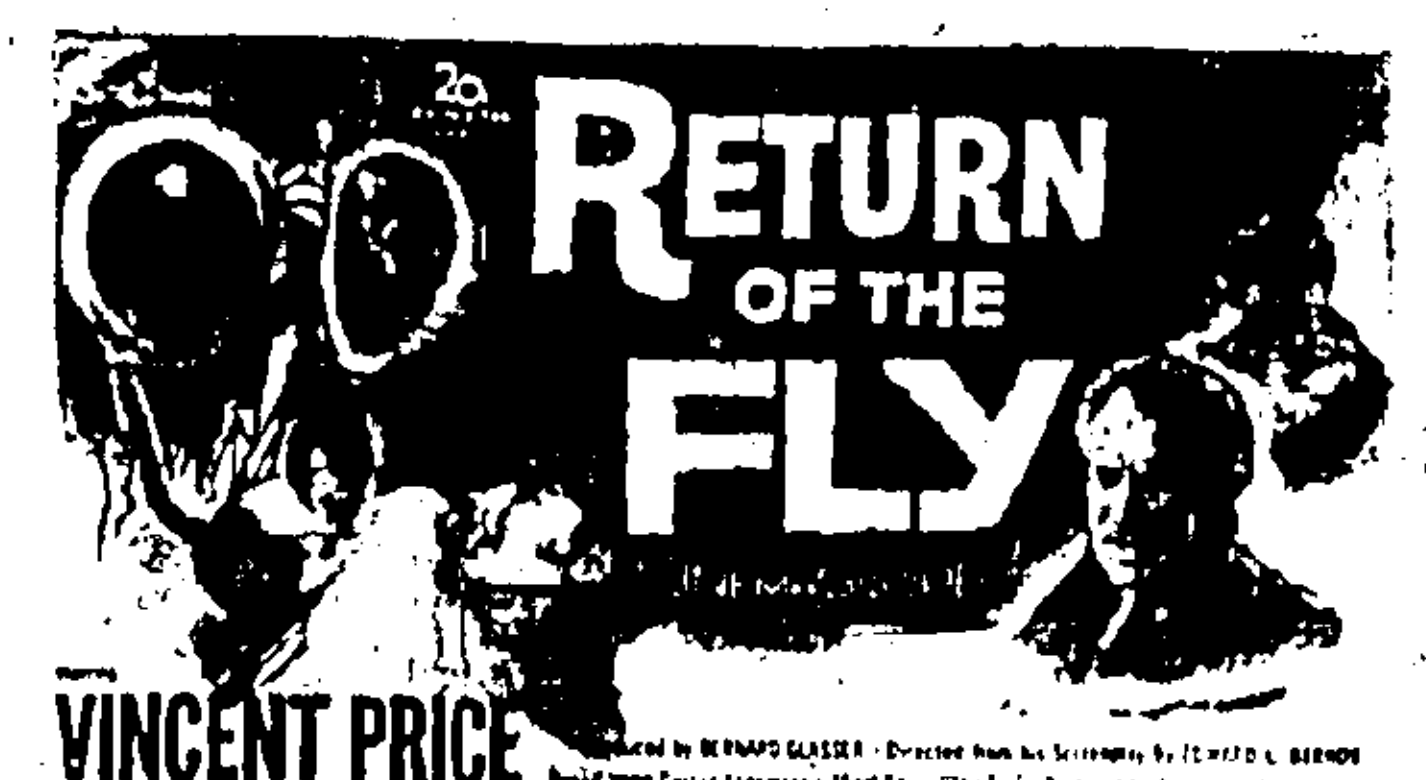
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PATIENCE? A REAL VIRTUE HERE!

A LONG-SUFFERING cross-section of Colony residents the other day bitterly voiced their opinions on one of Hongkong's most criticised public services... the vehicular ferry.

An extensive survey by a China Mail reporter and photographer indicated that most vehicle owners were exasperated at having to use what they described as an "outdated mode of harbour traffic."

Some people interviewed described the ferry method of vehicular transport in Hongkong as "a complete farce."

Together with a photographer I travelled in a car over the weekend, across the harbour on the ferry to see whether their attacks were justified.

We arrived at the Hongkong ferry wharf at 10.30 a.m. where two policemen and at least half a dozen officials were directing the heavy streams of traffic.

After forming a double queue stretching for about 20 yards we sat in the car for about 20 minutes before we were ushered towards the ferry.

There, another three officials were needed to direct the ferry load.

When we finally started moving, it took us

By
Steve Dunleavy

another ten minutes to cross the short stretch of harbour between Hongkong and Kowloon.

However on the return journey shortly after 6.30 p.m. we weren't nearly as fortunate.

First we had to make a "U" turn from Jordan Road into Canton Road and join a 40-yard queue.

Amid impatient carloads of families, we edged at a snail's pace until we were directed back into Jordan Rd. to join a 60-yard queue.

The Total

Forty-five minutes later we were "fed" into the ferry.

A twelve-minute journey finally landed us in Hongkong to bring the total journey to one hour ten minutes.

This was apparently good going as it was a dull day.

Now most of the Colony residents are very aware of the ferry situation. However my interviews showed not many were aware of what was being done to remedy the situation.

Mr Kee Wan, a businessman of Happy Valley who was in the night queue said that he has to use the ferry at least twice a week.

"But I still can't get used to it," he told me.

"Ever since I can remember there has been talk of a bridge, a tunnel or a causeway."



PART of a double-lined queue in Jordan Road. Further queues in Canton Road, and at the approach of the ferry also choke the thoroughfares. This photograph was taken while the China Mail team were waiting to cross. The final crossing took an hour and ten minutes. Some veteran ferry travellers said that this was a comparatively short journey for the weekend.

"Every so often we even hear of some official from overseas investigating possibilities for a joiner but nothing seems to come of it," he added.

Well-known Hongkong jockey Marcel Samarcq said that he couldn't understand why a bridge has not been built across the harbour.

"This waiting in these queues is nerve wracking," he said.

"If you live on the Hongkong side you feel that you have to get the family on the other side at least once a week."

"But it makes it more of a task than a pleasure."

"Apart from the obvious need for a bridge, think of how it would improve the look of the harbour!" he added.

Other men and women interviewed agreed that

the ferry service was enough to deter a person from buying a car.

"It gets that way that I just can't be bothered undergoing the ordeal of the crossing," one man said.

"Sometimes I don't get across to Kowloon for a month at a time."

Kowloon businessman P. P. Savalani said that for a modern city with the geography of Hongkong a bridge or a tunnel was "a must."

"Business and trade would certainly feel an uplift if some speedy transportation scheme across the harbour was devised," he added.

These interviews were only a few of about thirty people questioned on the ferry situation.

Everyone of those interviewed advocated for

some kind of "joiner" between Hongkong and Kowloon.

They all agreed that the vehicular ferry was something from the past ages and it was impeding the progress of the Colony. I would go as far as saying their opinion would be very representative of the long-suffering public.

A senior executive of the company which owns the vehicular ferries admitted to me when interviewed that "on occasions conditions are slow."

New Piers

He added that the whole system would be speeded up with the erection of extra piers.

"Of course only the Government can permit the construction of a pier," he said.

"The Government is now calling for tenders for this project, and this will greatly help the present problems," he added.

The executive refused to comment on the possibilities of a bridge being built.

"Naturally as a ferry company we don't like the idea," he said.

He added that very shortly his company intends to run a temporary service between Ramsey St and Jordan Rd.

"This will greatly alleviate crowding and we can look forward to a better service," he said.

The executive said that no date has been fixed as yet for the commencement of the temporary service.

"But it will be in the near future."

A Man In Space Within 14 Days?

FOURTEEN DAYS. Will Russia have a man in space by then, as those two eminent scientists, Professors Blagoderov and Fedorov promised?

Time is running out. But she CAN. FOR four reasons:

1. Things have been ominously quiet on the Sputnik front for 18 months. Even in May last year Russia showed that she could put one into orbit big enough to carry a man, with the 14-ton Sputnik Three.

2. Since then her moon rockets have proved she has the power to blast off something much bigger.

3. Russian astronauts have been hard at training in a secret space research institute for more than a year.

4. There is no reason to doubt claims that dogs have been brought back intact from the outer fringes of earth's atmosphere.

I asked Professor Bernard Lovell, director of Jodrell Bank, who visited Russia recently, if he thought the Russians would pull it off before January 1.

"I shall be extremely surprised if they DON'T," he said.

"I am quite certain they have overcome the problem

The World of Science By Peter Fairley

of getting a man back from outer space — they have just kept quiet, that's all."

'NO SACRIFICES'

He added: "In fact, if anyone had said to me, in 1958, that Russia would NOT have a man in space by the end of 1959, I would not have believed them."

Fedorov and Blagoderov predicted that Soviet astronauts would make the trip, orbiting Earth for 14 days. A colleague in the Moscow Academy of Sciences warned: "Lives may be lost."

But Professor Lovell said: "I asked this point many times during my visit. Each time the answer was emphatic: 'There will be no human sacrifice.'"

'Hover' help

WITH one push of his index finger, the atom scientist sends 200 tons of metal sliding 40 ft. across the laboratory.

It happens at Geneva, where the men who work at the European Centre for Nuclear Research are often faced with the job of moving up to 400 tons of machinery around their laboratories.

So they hit on the idea of using the Hovercraft principle to "float" it where they want it. They made a platform, with huge discs underneath, like toy dart suckers. Compressed air is forced into the gap between disc and ground.

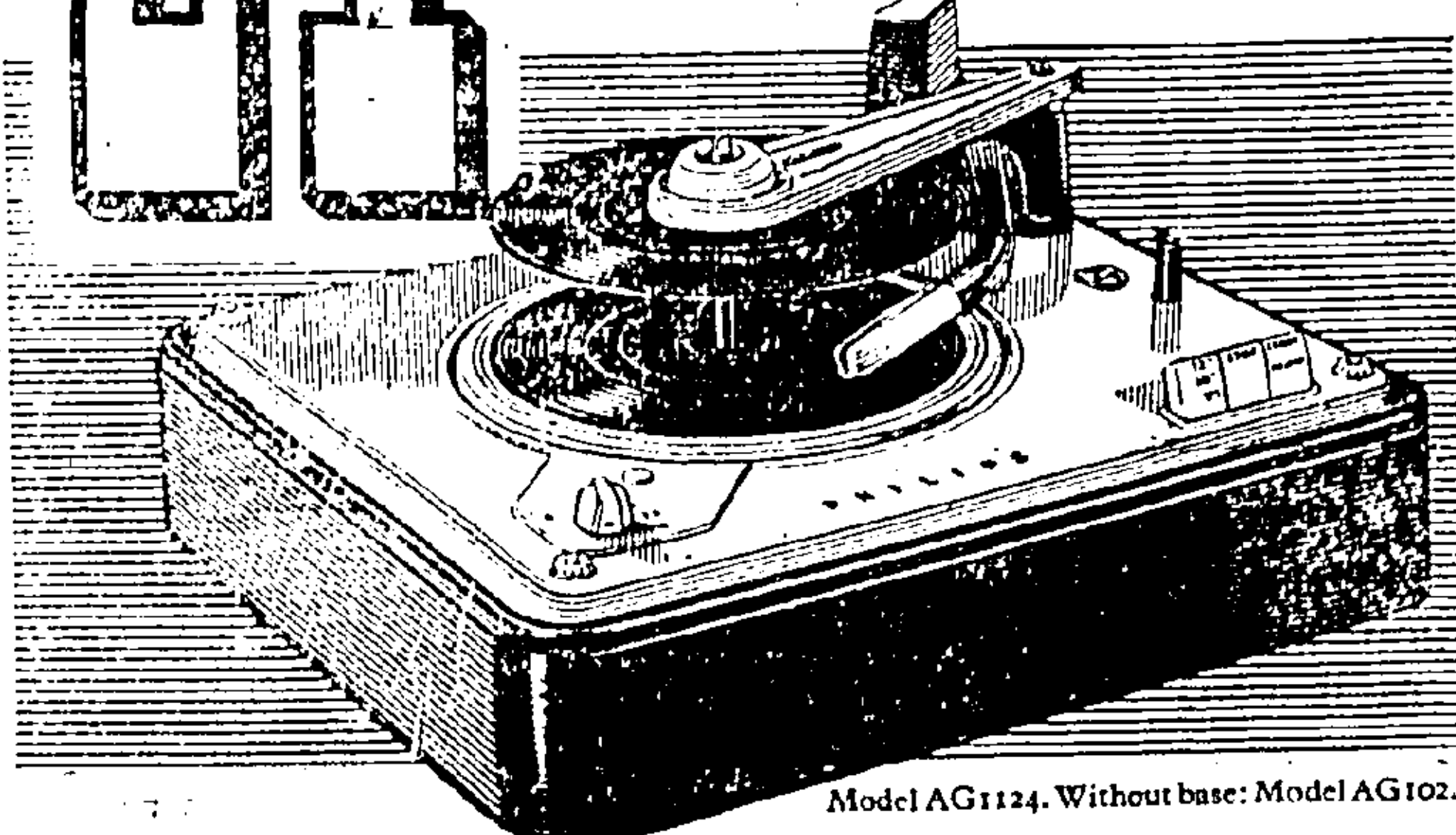
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ROBOT NURSES FOR HOSPITAL TASKS...

New York.

A ROBOT "nurse"—a small, square control panel which stands by a patient's bed—is being introduced into many American hospitals. It performs all the little, thoughtful tasks that formerly were done by sisters.

Would the patient like a change of air? A push of a button fills the room with the softness of "sea breezes." Another button releases a delicate pine scent.

The patient who wants to adjust the blinds, open or close the curtains, presses a button—and his electronic companion does the rest.

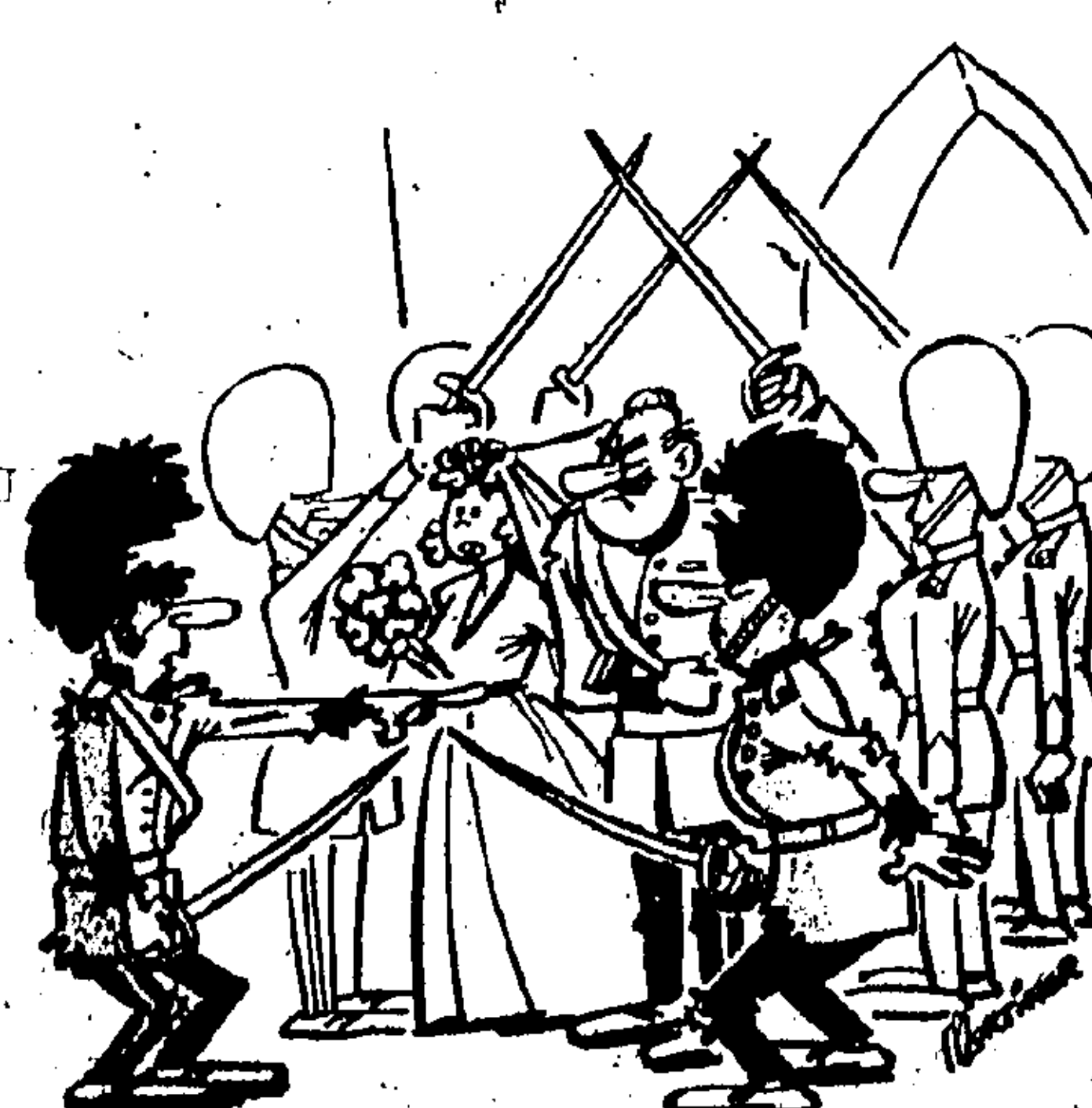
Other buttons on the control board operate the television set and radio, change the position of the head rest, the air conditioning, heating and light.

Would the patient like to chat with a friend? Press a button—and out comes a lightweight telephone.

And if the patient is having trouble getting to sleep, a twist of a dial turns up the power of the bedside panel to release a "deep, soothing, almost musical sleep-producing hum..."

Thus reports the American Medical Association, which has called the robot nurse "the timesaver of the century."

(London Express Service).



"He won't be in to-day Mr. Reeves, he's trying to fight off a cold."

WOMANSENSE

LADY LUCK

your
CHINA MAIL
horoscope

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 18

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): If you take pleasure in the company of others, you must adapt yourself to their ways without losing your own individuality.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Do not begrudge your friend a stroke of luck which has eluded you, although you both tried equally hard.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Keep well away from two quarrelling friends if the matter does not concern

you. Let them fight their own battle and find their own salvation.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): Having been entrusted with a secret, take care not to disclose it, even inadvertently.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): In your occupation it is essential to pay attention to the smallest detail, and thus build on a sound basis.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): It would be a mistake to feel frustrated just because you are not at present doing a job to which you are completely suited.

LEO (July 22-August 21): Having said something to a friend which you feel may have hurt him, you must have the courage to withdraw the remark, which was uncalled for.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): After many years of travelling and meeting people you may have lost some of your early illusions, but you will find that there is some good in nearly everybody.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Stop thinking only of yourself and give a thought now and then to others who are much worse off than you are.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): An act of charity at this time of year could bring comfort to many who depend on the generosity of others.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Finding yourself in an awkward situation, try not rely on, but on your own resources to extricate yourself.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): After having worried about a distant friend, you will be greatly relieved to hear that everything is going smoothly with him.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If your birthday falls this week, make it a point to effect a reconciliation with an estranged member of your family.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

THERE should be no problem about getting to six a side with the North-South cards and most pairs put there in a recent tournament.

The bidding by Steve Greenberg and Roger Salfaty of Oklahoma City is quite good and worthy of study.

Steve's club opening is in line with the modern theory of opening one club when holding five cards in each black suit. With any other two five-card suits you open the higher ranking one.

The next interesting bid is Roger's two-diamond call. He might have jumped in no-trump but chose to temper instead.

Steve bid two spades to show his five-card suit and Roger jumped right to four spades.

At this point Steve might have taken the Blackwood route to

WEST		EAST	
♠ 9 6		♠ 10 7 4	
♥ 8 3		♥ J 10 9 6	
♦ A K 9 2		♦ J 8 5 3	
♣ 10 8 6 4 2		♣ 9 3	
SOUTH (D)			
♠ K J 5 3 2			
♥ A 2			
♦ 4			
♣ A K J 7 5			
No one vulnerable			

the slam but chose instead to keep Roger in the bidding by bidding five hearts.

This bid was preferable to the Blackwood four no-trump because it gave Roger the chance to sign off at five, to invite seven by a diamond cue bid, to try for a no-trump slam with the king of diamonds in his hand or to bid six spades, which is what he did.

♥-CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:
West North East South
1♠ Pass 2♥ Pass 1♠
2♠ Pass 3♥ Pass 3♥
You, South, hold:
♠J743 ♥854 ♦AK52 ♣476
What do you do?
A—Bid three diamonds. You want to show you have some values but weak spades. Pass is a close second choice.

TODAY'S QUESTION
Instead of bidding two spades your partner has jumped to three spades. What do you do in this case?

Answer Tomorrow

Rupert and the Whistfish—49



Before Sam realised where they are the silent soldier has landed them on a wooden building and walked them along a platform. "Why, this is where we started!" cries Rupert. "Look Sam, here's your own boat." He drops into it and Sailor Sam follows while the rest of the rope lies to the left.



the stern of his own boat and makes off again. "Hey, listen. There's that old man who speaks our language, saying goodbye," says Sam. "How on earth did he get here so quickly?" "I don't know," sighs Rupert. "I've given up wondering anything about this place!"

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A HELEN BURKE
RECIPE

Boston Baked Beans

This is a wonderfully satisfying dish for 4 to 5 persons. While the method here is that for the accepted Boston baked beans, I have reduced the amount of black treacle because in this country, generally, we do not like them so sweet.

Wash 1 lb. small haricot or pea beans, cover them with cold water and leave overnight. Drain, cover with fresh water, and simmer for 45 minutes.

Meanwhile, mix together 1 level teaspoon salt, half teaspoon dry mustard, 1 dessertspoon black treacle (or up to half cup, if you like) and 1 tablespoon water. Stir the water drained from the beans into this mixture.

Cut 1 lb. salt or pickled pork into 4 slices. Place one in a bean pot or casserole. Add the beans, the prepared liquid to cover the beans well. Place the remaining pork, skin side up, just at the surface of the beans. Cover and cook for six hours in a very slow oven (250 degrees Fahr., or gas Mark 1).

Remove the lid after 2 to 3 hours and, if necessary, add more boiling water. For the last hour, leave the lid off altogether so that the top beans may brown.

—London Express Service.



FASHIONETTES

It will be a lace or chiffon spring in the late day and evening clothes department. Both fabrics show more frequently than that old standby, peau de soie, in the new collections.

Wonder what ever became of the suit or coat sleeve which came all the way to the wrist? Sleeves in the new spring fashions end just above the elbow, at the elbow, or slightly below.

Beauty tip: Put those false eyelashes on after the rest of your make-up is applied. Only mascara should be applied at the last.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Old Grandfather Clock

—Chris Cricket Tells The Shadows A Story—

By MAX TRELL

CHRISTOPHER CRICKET came out from the loose brick in the fireplace. He came over to sit down beside his friend Knarf and Hanid, the Shadow Children with the Turned-About Names.

Christopher liked living between the loose bricks in the fireplace. It was snug and comfortable, a bit smoky now and then, to be sure, but far, far better than living outside when the cold winds blew and the snow began falling.

About Christmas

"Christmas is coming," Christopher said, as he sat himself down on a perch.

"Oh, it's still two weeks away," said Hanid.

Christopher shrugged. "I don't know about your months," he said. "When the weather gets cold, I begin to think of Christmas. And I'm not the only one," he added, winking mysteriously.

"Who else is thinking about Christmas, dear?" Hanid asked.

Old Grandfather

"That old Grandfather who stands at the bottom of the steps," said Christopher.

Knarf started to say, "There isn't any old Grandfather at the bottom of the steps." Then he stopped himself.

"Oh, you mean the Old Grandfather Clock!"

Christopher nodded and smiled.

"He's the one I mean!" he said. "I heard him talking about Christmas just last night."

"Grandfather Clocks don't talk!" Knarf said.

Always Talk

"Much you know about Grandfather Clocks!" said Christopher. "They're always talking. If they're not saying tick, they're saying tock. All you have to do is understand them."

Knarf and Hanid asked Christopher to tell them what Old Grandfather Clock had to say about Christmas.

"He was sort of talking to himself," began Christopher. "Old Grandfather does that, you know. They just stand talking to themselves, remembering about long, long ago."

COOKERY COLUMN... by Helen Burke

Whatever you do, don't run dry on your friends!

WE are getting well into the party season and many folk are concerned about the problem of how much wine or spirits to get in. So I thought it would be a good idea to ask some of the heads of the wine and spirit houses what they recommend.

Nothing is more distressing for a hostess than to run out of drinks two-thirds way through the party, although I've seen this happen earlier than that.

Three different authorities—I shall call them A, B and C—gave me their views. They all agreed that, on the whole, you are better off when you give a party for 30 people than if there were only 10.

For the former, you need not have three times the amount of drink that the latter would consume, but something more in the neighbourhood of 2½ times as much, because drinks have a happy way of "averaging up."

Some guests for instance, will have one glass last the evening, while others (and you generally know them quite well) will drink at least four.

The quantities of drink I shall give presently, in each case for 30 people, are for an evening cocktail party six to eight o'clock. For a supper party which runs into the late hours add one-third more, or, to be really safe, double the amounts.

You need not worry about being landed with drink you do not normally order, because your wine merchant will let you have the bottles on a rate-or-return basis.

Incidentally do not use your best cut glass. Your wine merchant will lend you glasses

free of charge, except for breakages.

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How much CHAMPAGNE? A and B settled for one-third bottle per guest—10 bottles for 30 people. C advised half bottle each—15 bottles. But all suggested that sparkling white Burgundy, costing less per bottle than the least expensive champagne, would be excellent.

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"What about a CHAMPAGNE COCKTAIL party?" I asked. One merchant, horrified, said this was "sacrilege." But, things being what they are, we settled for the same amount of champagne, poured over a cube of sugar moistened with brandy in each glass—and the champagne need not be a high-class wine, nor need the brandy be cognac.

Or, instead of champagne, have sparkling white Bordeaux or Burgundy or Vouvray, hock or Moselle.

Instead of brandy, some people add a drop of bitters to the sugar.

SHERRY parties, said C, were not so predictable. "You should just see how much hardened sherry-drinkers can consume! But many people would be content with one glass."

A said 2½ glasses per person, which meant six bottles at 12½ glasses to the bottle. B thought three glasses each. And the generous C (being a wine merchant, not the host), made it one-third bottle each.

★ ★ ★

GIN and VERMOUTH—A said 2½ drinks each which, for 30, meant 2½ bottles of gin and one of French vermouth. B

suggested one bottle each of gin, French and Italian vermouth, pointing out that the vermouths, being in litre-sized bottles, give bigger measure.

Good fellow C plumped for the same quantity of gin as for the two vermouths, leaving you and me to work out the proportions, which is always the concern of anyone who mixes drinks.

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Instead of cocktails, the serving of WINES, other than sherry, is becoming increasingly popular and the cost, of course, is very much less. You may settle for white, rose or red wine.

Again with 30 guests in mind and six glasses to the bottle, A suggested two and a half glasses per head or 12½ bottles in all. B thought half a bottle each (15 bottles) and C, ever generous, plumped for two-thirds of a bottle each (20 bottles).

If you buy vin ordinaire—and this is recommended—C will sell any of the wines by the gallon, which works out cheaper in the long run.

Planning a party, I would follow the suggestions of A or B—then double the initial order in the hope that I could return any bottles left un-

used. He told me of several really excellent dishes, all but one of which contained an "aromatic powder" called "ole." I mention this in the hope that someone will tell me where this can be obtained. I have tried all over London without success.

But here is a pleasant dish where, originally, "snapper"



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opened or keep them as the nucleus of another party. In any case, I would see to it that no party ever ran dry!

Cook For Hire

PLAYING the piano in a London club, I met a man who is professional in two crafts—music, which he calls "barrel-house," and cooking.

Jack Dupree, from Louisiana, was in the same orphanage as Louis Armstrong. He was taught to cook—Creole cooking, of course.

And as a cook he hires himself out in America at just over £7 a night.

"If you get more than three nights a week, it pays more than music."

He told me of several really excellent dishes, all but one of which contained an "aromatic powder" called "ole." I mention this in the hope that someone will tell me where this can be obtained. I have tried all over London without success.

But here is a pleasant dish where, originally, "snapper"

was the fish. He said that any whole fish would do and agreed when I suggested sea bass. The recipe is in his own words.

You get a whole fish and you get a large pan and you oil it all inside plenty. Put the fish in the centre, sprinkle it with pepper and salt, slice lemon very thin and place it in a row all the way down it. Put little pieces of butter in between the lemon slices.

"Then you cut up very, very small a head of celery, plenty of onion, one or two green sweet peppers and, if you like, some parsley. Mix these up together in a bowl and cover the fish with them. Squeeze the juice of half a lemon on top."

Tomato Puree

"Next, you criss-cross all over with tomato puree" and cover with hot water. Put in a hot oven (425 degrees F. or gas mark 7) and keep basting for 30 to 35 minutes.

"Test the fish with a wooden cocktail stick. If it is not wet when it comes out, the fish is done. Or give it a little longer. You have enough boiled rice, but it must be dry as 'for curries. Fill wet coffee cups with it. You serve the fish with a cup of rice turned out beside it, then you spoon some of the vegetable mixture over the fish and rice, keeping the fish and rice separate."

"Decorate with lettuce leaves around the ingredients and it is very pretty."

Criss-cross with tomato puree? I suggest that you use the tubed kind. It is then a very easy job.

(—London Express Service.)



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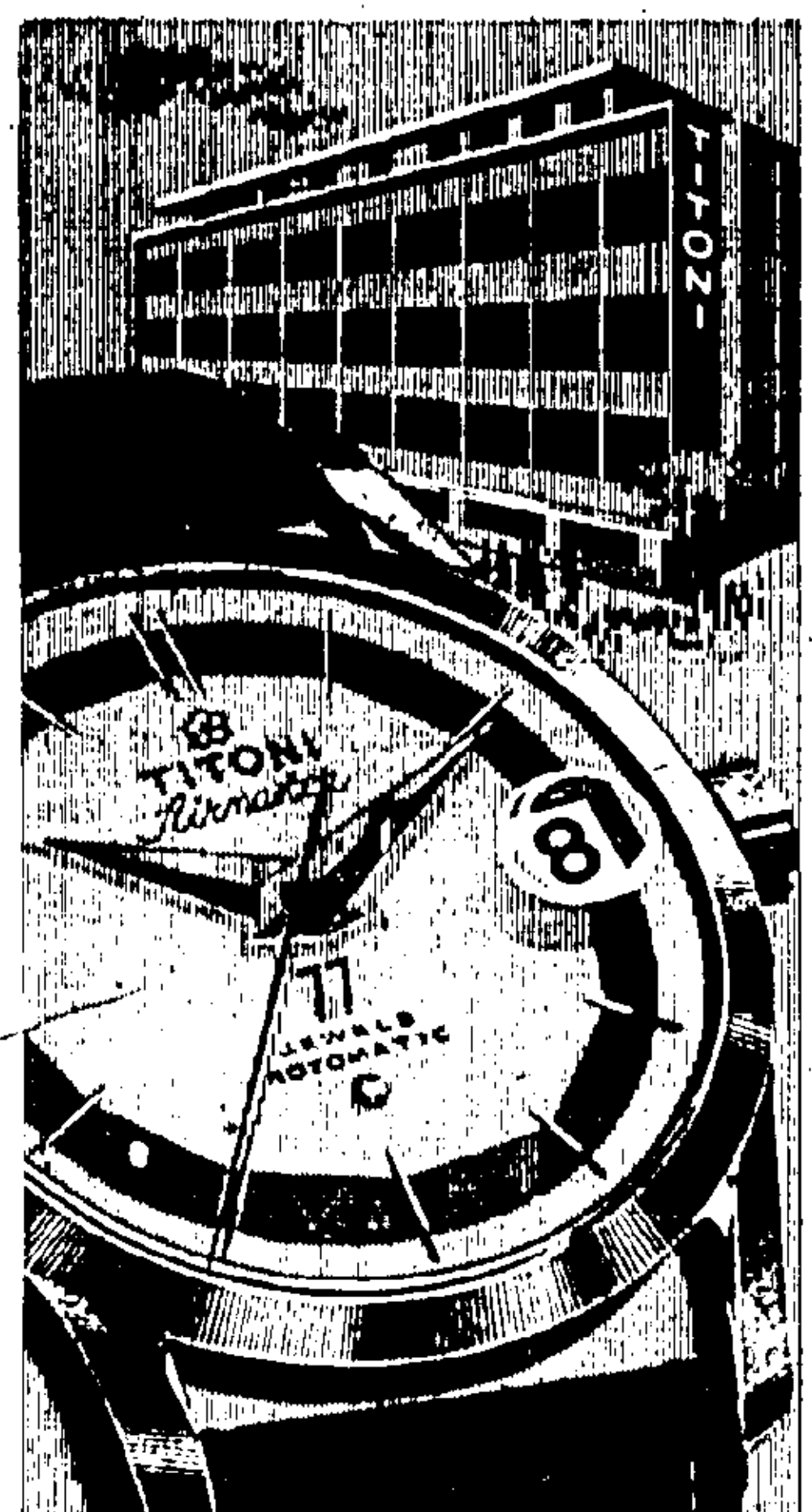
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MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No Person without an admission badge, which must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting, will be admitted.
Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable during office hours from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, 5, D'Aguiar Street, King's Road, North Point, and 382 Nathan Road, only on the written introduction of a Member.

ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.
Times will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.
MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$16.00 each per day and \$32.00 for both days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, Chater Road, 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not paid for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 11th December, 1959, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Special Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each on the Pearson Memorial Cup scheduled to be run on 13th February, 1960 and Cash Sweep Tickets at \$2.00 each for the last race on 19th December, 1959, may be obtained from the Club's Cash Sweep Office.

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Queen's Building (Chater Road) and 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong on—

Week-days, Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturdays 5th December 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Saturday 12th and 9 a.m. to 11 a.m.

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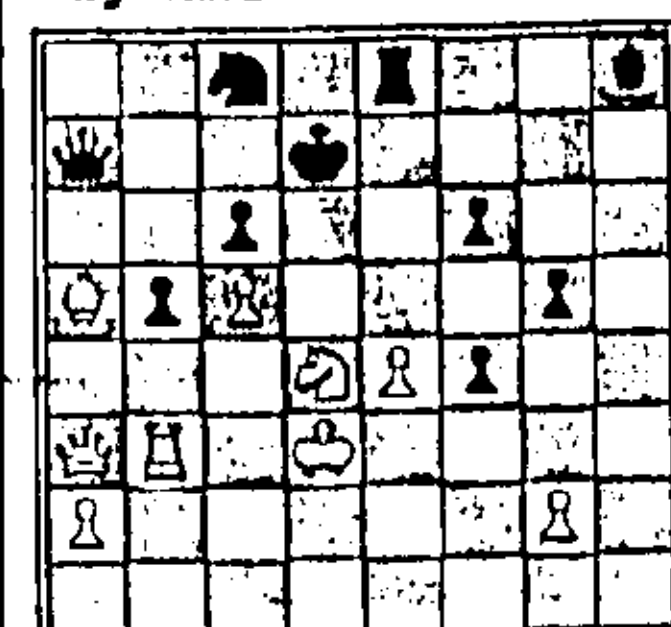
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A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th December, 1959.

Fifth Meeting Ends Tomorrow

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN



Here is a position from actual play (won by Alekhine). White to move and win.
Solution No. 5736: 1 Q—B3. The threat is 2 Q—B7 ch. K—B3: 3 R—B6 mate, or 2... R—K1: 3 Q—B3 mate. 11... K—B5: 2 Q—K13 ch. K—Q3: 3 K1—Q2 mate, or 1... K—K15: 2 Q—B7 ch. K—B3: 2 Q—B7.

Don't miss this.

PETER MAY PROMISES BRIGHT CRICKET

Bridgetown, Dec. 17. Peter May, captain of the MCC team to tour the West Indies, said on the party's arrival here today that their aim was to play bright cricket.
He said he expected to see the young side produce high-class fielding, and forecast that the team would also show strength in the depth of the batting.
"To all my old friends in the West Indies, and to the new ones I hope to make, I would like to say how pleased I am to be returning here after six years," May said.
"Our fast bowlers, Freddie Trueman, Brian Statham and Alan Moss, were also here on the last tour, but you will see our new batsmen, slow bowlers and wicketkeepers.
Pointing out that the team was young and comparatively inexperienced, May declared: "We hope we shall do well, but we have no illusions about the size of our task. Being a young team, we should be really fit, and this should show in our fielding which we expect to rise to a high level.
"Our aim is to play bright cricket, and I do not think you will be disappointed, for we have several attractive players."—Reuter.

BARBADOS SELECTORS DROP FAST BOWLER HALL FROM TEAM TO PLAY MCC

Port-of-Spain, Dec. 17. With the MCC due to go into action soon, the Barbados selection committee dropped a bombshell by omitting fast bowler Wesley Hall from the team to represent the island in the first Colony match of the much-discussed cricket tour.

In ignoring Hall, considered by all leading critics as the man around whom the West Indian pace attack for the Tests is to be built, the Barbados selection committee made it clear that Hall will not be considered for the Test.

Hall made rapid improvement on his WI tour of England.

Johansson Leaves London

Ingemar Johansson, Sweden's world heavyweight boxing champion, left London today to return to Göteborg after talks concerning a proposed world title fight against British Empire heavyweight champion Henry Cooper.

Johansson discussed the plans for the fight—which could be staged at Wembley Stadium, London, next summer—with British fight promoter Jack Solomons.—AFP.

NOTICE

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

Programmes and Entry Forms for the 6th Race Meeting 1959/60 to be held on Friday 1st and Saturday 2nd January, 1960, (weather permitting) may be obtained at the Secretary's Office, Alexandra House; the Club House, Happy Valley; and the Stables, Shan Kwong Road.

Entries close at 12 o'clock NOON on Tuesday 22nd December, 1959.

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Secretary.

WET PAINT, PANDORA STRONGLY FANCIED TO WIN THE TWO MAIN RACES OF THE AFTERNOON

The Hongkong Jockey Club's two-day Fifth Race Meeting concludes tomorrow with a programme of eight interesting events.

The first saddling bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will start at 2.00 p.m. sharp.

The two sections of the Hyde Park Handicap for Class 2 ponies over the distance of one mile will form the highlights of the day's programme.

Mr Leong Thoe-soon of Kuala Lumpur, a promising novice jockey is now in Hongkong and will be seen in action tomorrow.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Phoenix Park Handicap (First Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.

The curtain raiser is a sprint race for Class 6 ponies to be ridden by novice jockeys.

Certified Cheque (Robert Luk), by virtue of its second placing behind Okay with Fattydud up at the 3rd Race Meeting over six furlongs, will no doubt be in big demand, and it should not disappoint.

There is, of course, just a possibility that Appreciation (J. B. Lim) may cause an upset, provided it does not suffer from a bad start.

The shorter distance also favours Courier (M.A.C. Rozel) and Main Attraction (J. S. C. Neel).

As You Like It (M. Samareq) continues to be in classy form and is my choice for this race.

Bowsprit (C. Y. Wong) will run her very close and Vigorous Ava (Wellington Loeh) could be near at the finish.

I have a fancy also for Goldfinch (W. K. Shieh).

The outsider here is National Delight (P. Y. T. Wei).

There are other potential winners. Babaloo (H. M. B. Totho), Victoria Peak (Leong Thoe-soon) and Sure Goal (M. Samareq) are in good form at the moment and should be very close at the finish.

Hyde Park Handicap (First Section): One Mile.

The following should be prominent at the finish: Wet Paint (A. Ostroumoff), Edlinburgh (Starr Liu), Glenisla (Chun Kit) and Vingt Et Un (M. Samareq).

Wet Paint, which won the Laytown Plate over the mile at the last meeting will probably start favourite and certainly appears to have the best recommendation for a win here.

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Glenisla (Chun Kit) is well suited for this distance and will be near at the close.

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Hammer Mill (Chun Kit) may prove dangerous with Dainty (T. H. Yau) also having a say in the matter.

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The ten are: E. Weekes (Captain), R. Bynoe, C. Hunte, S. Nurse, G. Sobers, P. Lashley, C. Smith, D. Atkinson, D. Allan and C. Griffith.—AFP.

I expect it to receive strong opposition from Bonita (W. Williamson), which will be running over its favourite distance. Maytime (A. Ostroumoff) is also good for the mile route and with 147 lbs to handle is a decided menace.

For those looking for an outsider, Milky Way (Robert Tsai) is the pony.

SEVENTH RACE
Haydock Park Handicap (Second Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.

This is a sprint affair in which second section of Class 3 ponies will figure.

Johnny (P. Plumby) is in the pink of condition and the short sprint may just suit it.

Grand Moment (K. Kwok) and Kelpie (Robert Tsai) are reputed flyers and are expected to jump out for leadership right from the start.

Butterfly (H. M. Botelho) is not to be underrated over this distance and should find firm support from the public.

For an outsider I recommend King Kong (C. Y. Wong).

Fontwell Park Handicap: From 2 Mile Post.

The day's programme will be concluded with a race for Class 3 ponies.

Lynner will again be taken out by P. Plumby and, by virtue of its win over 1 1/4 miles in the St. Andrew's Stakes at the last meeting, it is strongly fancied to win again.

I think it will do so, leaving Prominent View (H. C. Pih) and Renown (Starr Liu) to dispute the second place.

For an outsider I would recommend punters to keep an eye on Gold Badge (P. Y. T. Wei).

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Cut this out and take it to the races

tomorrow for your guidance

Starters, Weights And Riders

Starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

The names of ponies are all listed according to the positions drawn. The first named pony has drawn the No. 1 position, the second named the No. 2 and so on.

2.00 p.m. Race 1 PHOENIX PARK HANDICAP (1st Section), 1 1/4 Mile 170 Yards, Novices.

000 Temujin (Sofronoff) 153 lbs. 401 Isfahan (Tokmokoff) 147 lbs. 002 David Yen 150 lbs.

000 Huntingdon (Rodney) 140 lbs. 000 Courier (Belokopitoff) 152 lbs. 000 Outlander (Lin) 135 lbs.

430 Main Attraction (Lum) 150 lbs. 000 Philippe's Pride (Ng) 148 lbs. 013 Appreciation (Metrevel) 147 lbs.

2.30 p.m. Race 2 HAMILTON PARK HANDICAP (1st Section), 1 1/4 Miles.

000 National Delight (Metrevel) 158 lbs. 212 Bowsprit (A. S. Wong) 150 lbs. 400 As You Like It (Lum) 134 lbs.

402 Goldfinch (Chun Kit) 150 lbs. 000 Manx Mist (Rodney) 137 lbs. 014 Vigorous Ava (Sofronoff) 137 lbs.

3.00 p.m. Race 3 HAYDOCK PARK HANDICAP (1st Section), 1 1/4 Mile 170 Yards, Class 3.

113 Sure Goal (A. S. Wong) 145 lbs. 201 Bescot (Lashley) 150 lbs. 212 Babie (Metrevel) 145 lbs.

000 Tinkerbell (Rodney) 140 lbs. 400 Victoria Peak (Sofronoff) 146 lbs. T. S. Leong.

4.30 p.m. Race 4 HYDE PARK HANDICAP (2nd Section), 1 Mile, Class 2.

000 Charleroi (Noddy) 143 lbs. 000 Bonjour (Lin) 140 lbs. 221 Pandora (Pereboff) 130 lbs.

002 Milky Way (Chun Kit) 137 lbs. 210 Maytime (A. S. Wong) 147 lbs. 000 Mercury (Metrevel) 133 lbs.

000 Permanent View (Lum) 150 lbs. 042 Bonita (Krasnoproff) 141 lbs. 5.00 p.m. Race 5 HAYDOCK PARK HANDICAP (2nd Section), 1 1/4 Mile 170 Yards, Class 3.

310 Hard Ridden (Tokmokoff) 180 lbs. 003 King Kong (A. S. Wong) 140 lbs. 420 Balkan Monarch (Lin) 148 lbs.

000 How Do I Know (Noddy) 143 lbs. 001 Grand Moment (A. S. Wong) 144 lbs. 104 Kelpie (Rodney) 142 lbs.

402 Butterfly (Tokmokoff) 144 lbs. 400 Via Chi (Rodney) 136 lbs. 021 Johnny (Krasnoproff) 146 lbs.

100 Ability (Shiu) 140 lbs. 5.30 p.m. Race 6 FONTWELL PARK HANDICAP (1st Section), 1 Mile 170 Yards, Class 3.

001 Nectar (Rodney) 150 lbs. 012 Gold Badge (Shiu) 140 lbs. 100 Your Wish (Lum) 130 lbs.

002 Wellfare (Chew) 145 lbs. 311 All Happy (Pereboff) 140 lbs. 300 Golden Branch (Collins) 145 lbs.

221 Lynner (Krasnoproff) 154 lbs. 000 Pin-Pin (Tokmokoff) 140 lbs. 000 Nightingale (Noddy) 130 lbs.

300 Hippo (Lum) 150 lbs. 122 Prominent View (Lum) 152 lbs. 000 Renown (Metrevel) 143 lbs.

044 Strathian (Rodney) 143 lbs. Andrew Lam.

Israel Qualifies For Final Pool Of Asian Football Cup

Ernakulam, Dec. 17.

Israel qualified for the final pool of the Asian Football Cup when they drew two-all with Pakistan here today in their final West Zone tournament match. Israel beat Pakistan 2-0 in their first encounter.

The official announcement of Israel's qualification will be made tomorrow. Vietnam of the Central Zone and Formosa of the East Zone are the other qualified teams.

The dates and place of the final pool are to be fixed later.

Israel compiled eight points in six West Zone matches, of which they lost only one—their opening match against Iran—by three-nil. In their second meeting the teams tied one-all. Iran appeared to be Israel's bogey.

Worthy Winners

The Israelis maintained an unblemished record throughout the tournament and were worthy winners. Centre-forward E. Levy, goalkeeper Portel and inside-right and captain Stelmach were the pick of the lot, showing consistent form throughout.

The Israel-Pakistan match today was dull. Israel, the favourites, seemed tired after yesterday's strenuous match with India which they won 2-1.

Nothing went right with either team until half-time.

Israel, who gave a favourable impression in previous outings with Pakistan, were unable to give concrete shape to their territorial advantage today.

Levy and Stelmach bungled their best scoring chances. Midway through the first half Israel's Nazari was replaced by Razali.

In the 10th minute after half-time Pakistan's Umar drew first blood. Israel warmed up but in the 15th minute Gaffour made it two-nil for Pakistan. Israel tried hard but seemed lacking.

In the 20th minute, however, Israel's inside-left Mameh cut Pakistan's lead in half. It was a bad day for Levy and Stelmach who lost chance after chance to score.

Pakistan defended well to prevent the equaliser but Israel's outside-right, Razali, managed at last to get a header into the net.—AFP.

THE GAMBOLS

REMEMBER ALL THE DIRECTORS WILL BE THERE

LATER

WHAT DO YOU DO ABOUT THE SCREAMINGLY YOU DO

YOUR WIFE'S BEEN TELLING ME ABOUT THE SCREAMINGLY YOU DO

OF ME!

GAS IS TOPS

SAYS MR. THERM

By Barry Appleby

Australian Rugby Tourists Win In France

Nantes, Dec. 17. Australia's touring Rugby League team defeated the French Army 15-2 after leading 10-2 at half-time here today.

Only 993 paying spectators watched the game on a wet, slippery field.

ROARED BACK

The French Army got its only points in the 31st minute when Etienne kicked a penalty goal for a two-nil lead. Australia roared back and scored tries in the 33rd and 37th minutes through Raper and Delamere, both of which were converted by Carlson.

Delamere made his second try and the last of the night in the 44th minute as the Australians held the French scoreless in the second half. This was again converted by Carlson.

Parry O'Brien Awarded Best Performance Prize

New York, Dec. 17. World shot-put record holder Parry O'Brien was today awarded the first Lawrence D. Benedetto prize for the best individual performance by a United States athlete in 1959.

O'Brien set his world record on August 1 at Albuquerque, New Mexico when he tossed the shot 10.3 metres.

O'Brien received 152 points in a poll conducted by the American Amateur Athletic Union to determine the winner of the prize.

Raynor To Train Sweden's World Cup Footballers

Stockholm, Dec. 17. The Swedish Football Association tonight confirmed the spring, 1960 engagement of Britain's George Raynor as trainer of Sweden's national team in view of the 1962 world championships.

The association also announced that the match between Sweden and the Soviet Union had been fixed for May 26, 1960 at Moscow. A match between the "B" teams of the countries will be played on May 19 at Gothenburg.

INEXPERIENCED LADY SCORERS SHOULD NOT OFFICIATE IN 'NEEDLE' SOFTBALL MATCHES

Says OLLY VAS

The mass of figures published now and then and known as Batting Averages has a very special meaning for those who would like to see their names engraved on the trophies awarded to the batting champions in the respective leagues at the end of the softball season. Being 'robbed of a hit' now or at any stage of the league competition might well mean forfeiting the title, by even a margin of .001 per cent at times, to one's closest rival.

At present it appears to be the policy of the UK Softball Association to delegate to lady softballers the job of scoring at weekend matches. In itself this gesture is worthy of commendation and in the long run will prove beneficial to the interests of the game but right now I would like to question the wisdom of allowing them to be taken into account when the scorer decides to record a 'hit' or 'error'. In softball, largely it is in a nutshell either "too hot too handle" or it is not.

Relevant Factors

If I may now point out, the degree of force with which a ball is hit, whether or not any chance to field the ball and if so whether or not he could pick it up. WITHOUT FUMBLING to make a follow-up play on the batter, are relevant factors to be taken into account when the scorer decides to record a 'hit' or 'error'. In softball, largely it is in a nutshell either "too hot too handle" or it is not.

By all means allow the girls to gain scoring experience but not at the expense of potential batting champions.

I suggest that after the first-round league matches are over the Association assign novice lady scorers (and this could well apply also to the keen youngsters now learning the job) to handle only those matches in which batters out of the running for the batting titles are taking part. The Scorer-in-Chief could stand by to offer 'advice' should there be any indecision apparent in the course of the novices' scoring. At present it is noticed that the 'tyros' have to ask for outside opinions from the stands because they are incapable of deciding for themselves just what is what.

If the players want a fair deal they'll have to do much more than feel as complacent as they are now for continued participation in league matches by inexperienced lady

scorers and other beginners is prejudicial to the best interests of the game.

There are five games scheduled over the weekend. At 2.00 p.m. tomorrow the Cheyennes take on the Dodgers and a little later the Indians clash with New Asia. Wins are indicated for the Dodgers and Indians.

On Sunday morning at 9.00 a.m. the Stardusts will give the Pandas some opposition and at 3.30 p.m. the Giants will easily account for the Stardusts. In the only Senior game the Pandas should prove too good for the current U.S. Navy station ship "Bauer".

Taiwan Teams

It is learned that the Universal ladies' team from Taiwan may arrive in time for a Sunday exhibition game against one of our ladies' sides.

Another Taiwan team, Tao Kong are tentatively due here a week later and fans may be given the opportunity of seeing these two overseas sides in round-robin games.

The draw for the Men's International competition resulted in Portugal, the defending champions, meeting Great Britain on Boxing Day at 11.00 a.m. in the opening game. On Sunday, Dec. 27, at 10.00 a.m. the Philippines clash with Pakistan and at 1.30 p.m. China plays the Commonwealth. The USA draw a bye. So far nothing definite is known about the Ladies' International series.

CHINA MAIL ENTERTAINMENT GUIDE

FILMS

KINGS & PRINCESSES: Tokyo After Dark, starring Mitch Kobi, Richard Long and Lawrence Dobkin. Added on stage: Hiroko the "C" Bomb.

HOOVER & GALT: "The Mirror Has Two Faces", starring Ivan Heng, Sandra Milo and Gerald Oury.

ROBYNS & BROADWAY: The Return of the 17th, starring Vincent Price, Brett Halsey and John Huxton.

LEE & ASTOR: "The Case of Dr. Laurent", starring Jean Gabin and Nicole Courteil.

STAR: "Tom Brown's School Days", starring Robert Newton.

REIZ: "The Buccaneers", starring Yul Brynner and Claire Bloom.

ORIENTAL: "It Started With A Kiss", starring Glenn Ford and Debbie Reynolds.

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NIGHT SPOTS

PARANMOUNT: Glencarlo and his Italian Combo. Floor Shows by

Caffari, the King of Pick-Pockets and the sensational "Riviera" Apache Team. Cocktail Lounge: Lorry Allen at the Piano Bar.

MAXIM: The Yone and Hejala in "The Rival Fire Dancer".

CARLTON: Mario Francisco and his Combo.

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Commercial Radio (1530 Kex 196 mtrs)

2 p.m. Composer of the Day: Dedic. 2.30. 3.30. Standing On The Corner With Bob Williams. 4. Weather. 5. The Ladies - presented by Pat Lawrence. 6.30. Children's Corner. 4.45. Gypsy Time. 5.15. Dick Haynes Sings. 5.30. Orchestra Of Paul Weston. 5.45. Bedtime Recital by Alexander Unkley.

6. All Songs And Tunes Free. 6.30. Liberate At The Hollywood Bowl. 7.30. The Fitzgerald Sings. 8.30. The Archer. 8.45. Music Of Mantovani. Melanchino. 8. Martin. 9.30. The Club. 9. Recorded Music. 8.30. North of the Border. Words & Music from Scotland. 9. News & Weather. 9.15. Rembrandt. 10.15. Around The British Isles. With John Gunstone. 11. Radio. 8.45. Cantonese Feature. Music Till Midnight. 12. Midnight. Weather. Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m. Variety Calls. The Tune. 3. Musical Matinee. 4. Tea For Two. 4.30. Musical ABC. 5. Children's Corner. 5.30. Friday Requests. 6.30. Show Time. 7. Serenade. 8.27. Birthday Mailbox. 8.30. The Archer. 8.45. Ditty Box. 9. Time and News. 10. Weather. 10.15. The Archer. 10.30. Concert Miniature. 1.30. Track Talk. 1.45. The Prodigal Father. 2.30. Whirlpool. 3. Juliette Green. 3.15. Tops In Popular Music - Ron Ross. 4.30. Music Show-Lay Cordello. 5. Cavalcade Of Music. 6.30. Cafe Continental - Jeannette Piry. 10. Spotlight - Interview With Mr. Philippe Bernacheville, technician and physicist. 10.15. Take It From Here. 10.45. Dance Time. U.S.A. 11. Stop Press. 11.05. Date With Dreamland. 11.30. Prelude To Midnight. 12. Midnight. Close Down.

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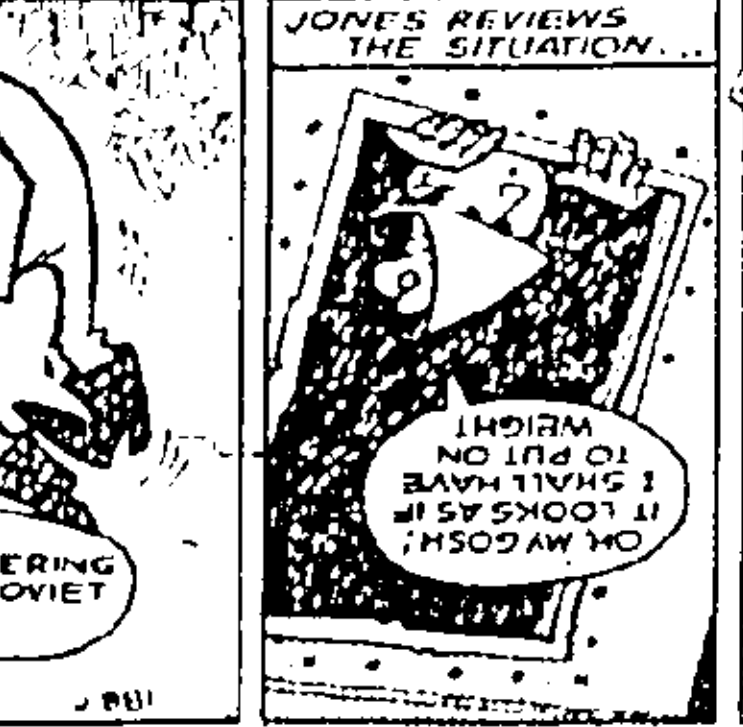
5 p.m. Cartoons. 5.10. "Story In The Rocks". 5.25. Noddy. End Day. 5.30. Don Hall as Dr. Tom Rye. 5.45. "Zombie Terror". In "Ranger Of The Jungle". 6. Close Down. 7.30. "Mr. and Mrs. North". Barbara Britton. Richard Denning. 7.55. Unusual Occupations. 8.05. "Sea Hunt". 8.20. "Life Of Riley". 9. News. 9.15. "Adventures of Rex". 9.30. "Royal Playhouse". The Neutral Corner. 8.45. Cantonese Feature. "Miss Yim-fung". Chang Ying. Fong Yim-fang. 11.20. Late Night Final.

RADIO HONGKONG (860 Kex 310m)

5.30 p.m. For The Very Young - compiled by Mavis. 5.45. Life In Other Lands - Singapore. 6. The Jazz Beat. 6.30. The Archer. 6.45. Music from Holland - Malango and Orchestra. 7. Time Signal. 7.10. Commentary. 7.15. Daily Belonged at Carnegie Hall. 7.45. The Beat of the Hour. 8. On Hospital - Dr. Dr. H. N. Chiu. 7.50. Show Business.

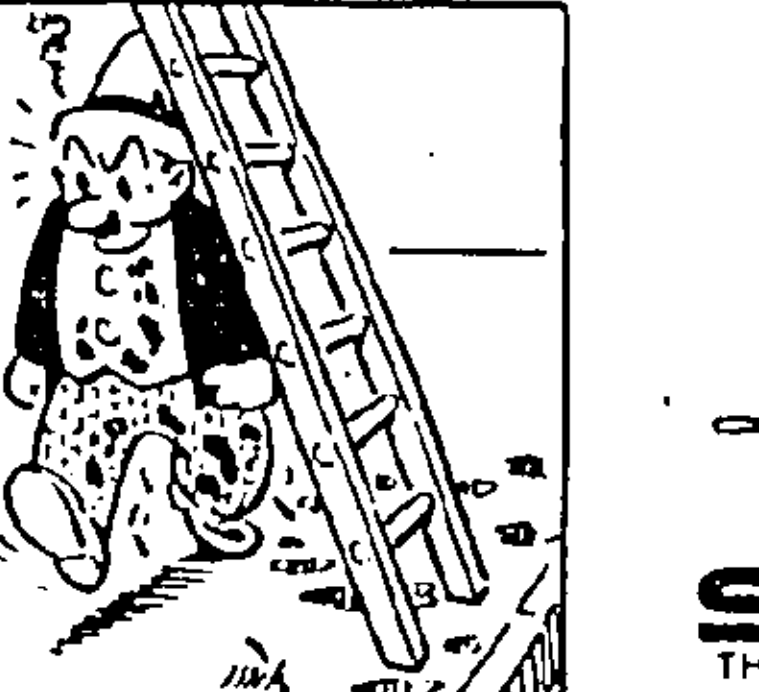
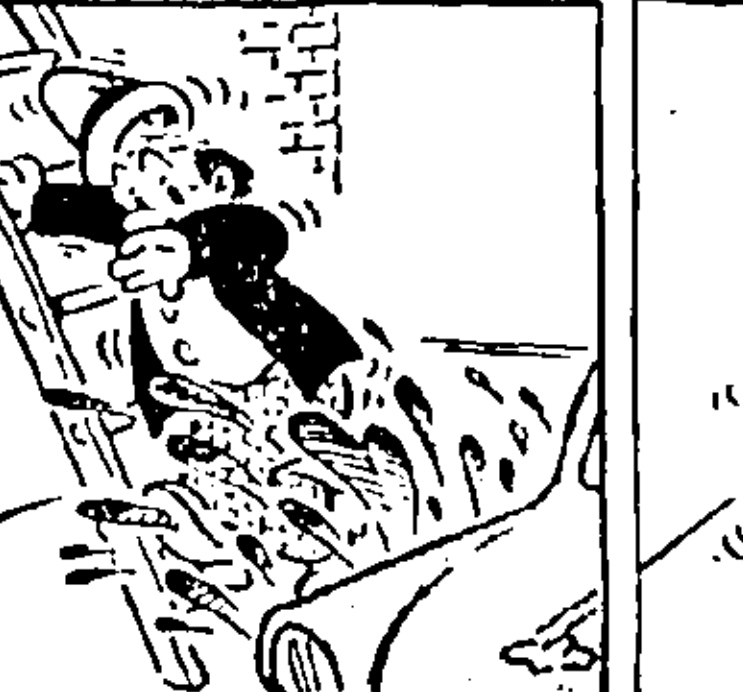
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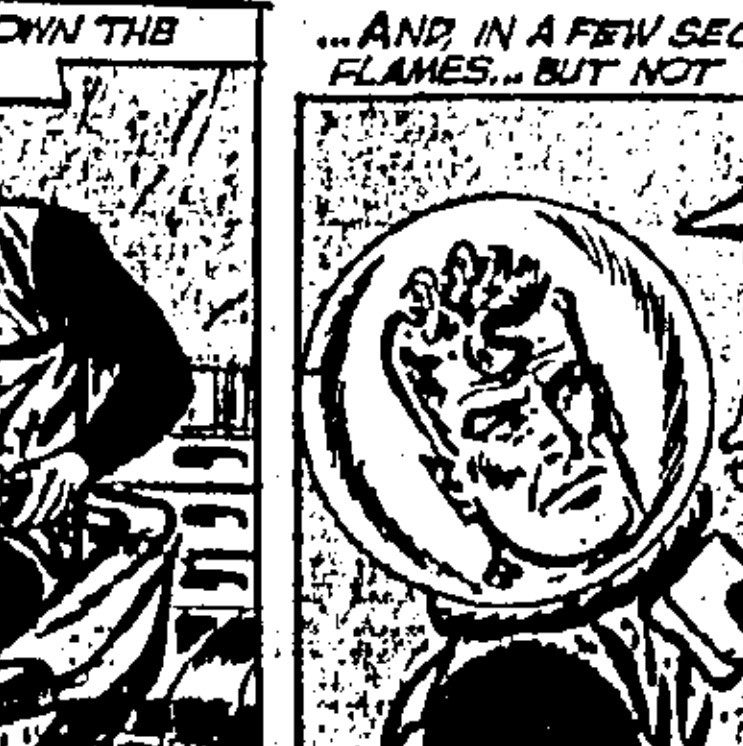
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Sports Diary

Queen Elizabeth School annual athletic meeting. South China stadium, 9 a.m.

TO-MORROW

Racing

Second day of Fifth Race Meeting. Happy Valley, 2 p.m.

1st Division: Police v Brigade, Garrison v Optima, KGV v CCC, LUC v RAF, Scorpions v Recto, 2nd Division: Brigade v LDC, Centaurs v Garrison, University v KCC, RAF v LDC, Recto v KGV.

Soccer

1st Division: Tung Wah v CMH (Club), Kitching v Happy Valley (Club), both matches at 3.30 p.m.

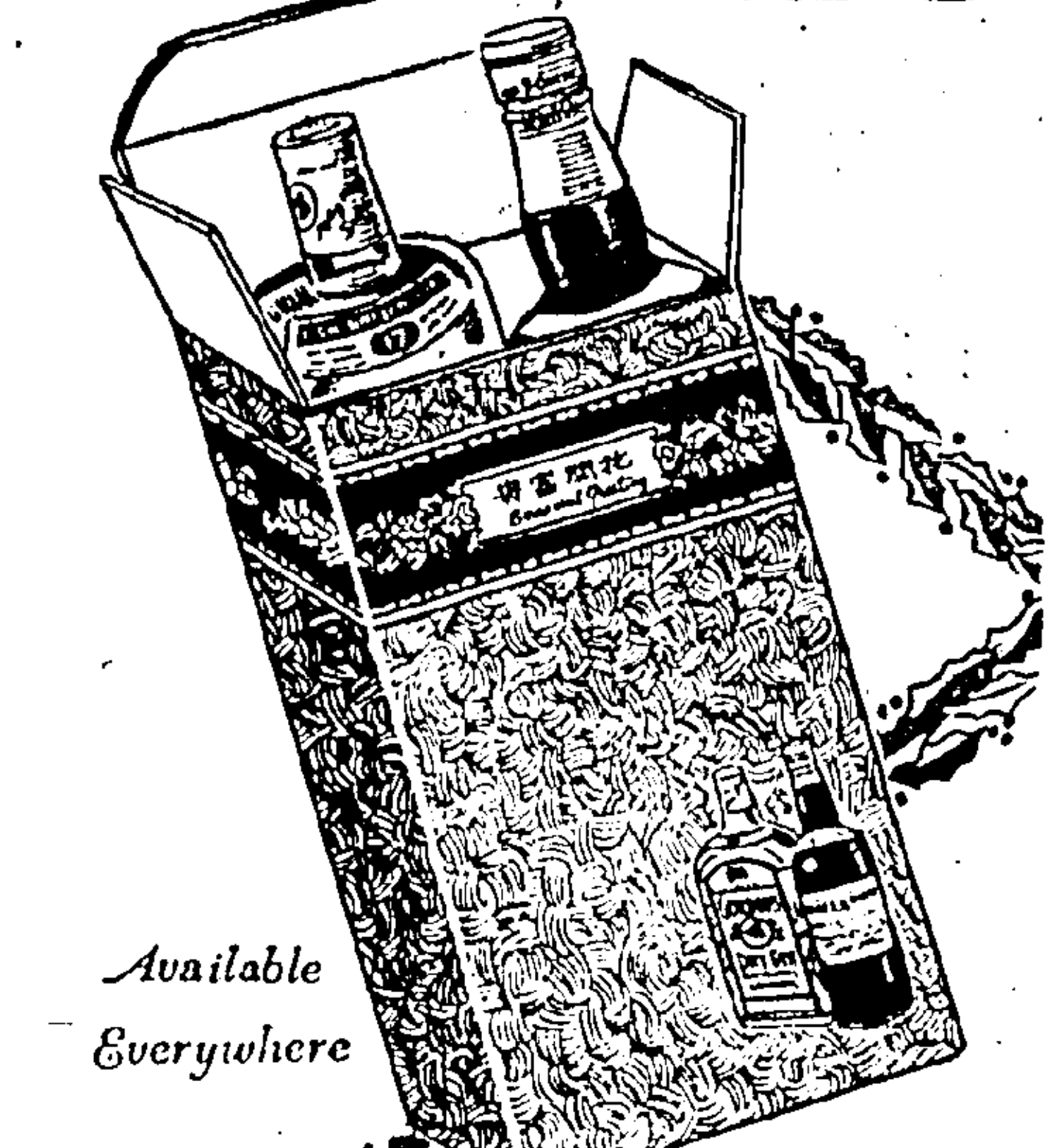
2nd Division: Club v AFS (Club) 2 p.m.; REME v Telephone (Club) 2 p.m.; Hon. King v Gymnastic (Navy) 2 p.m.; RAF Sal Wan v Caroline Hill (Navy) 3.30 p.m.; RAF Kai Tak v Priests (HIV) 3.30 p.m.

3rd Division: B & S v Dowell (HIV) 2 p.m.; H.K. Gas v Suk Ying (HIV) 2 p.m.; University v Transways (HIV) 3.30 p.m.; Kin Godown v Rediffusion (HIV) 3.30 p.m.

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Ladies' League: Victoria v KCC (HIV) 2.30 p.m.; KGV v B v Recto (KCP) 2.30 p.m.; St. George's v KGV "A" (KCP) 4 p.m.

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Soldier Court Martialled

GUILTY OF MAKING OUT FALSE SERVICE DOCUMENT

A private soldier of the Lancashire Regiment (PWV), was sentenced to 42 days detention by a District Court Martial at Shamshuipo this morning, for making out a false service document, and for conduct prejudicial to good order and discipline.

He was Pte Harry Kenneth Nowell, 41, attached to the MI Room at Command Workshops, REME, Shamshuipo. He pleaded guilty to both charges.

Nowell and his wife had known Lance Corporal and Mrs Horton for some time and often visited them. Mrs Horton was greatly distressed over the amount of noise near her flat, and Nowell in an effort to help them move to other accommodation, had filled in the medical form.

"It is a case of the accused trying to do something to help his friends, but getting into trouble over it," Major Bowman said.

Conscientious

Lieut N. F. Payne, of Command Workshops, said Nowell often went out of his way to help others, and he was extremely conscientious.

The defending counsel, Mr G. Golby, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, said Nowell had never intended that Mrs Horton should actually use the medical form. He had seen she was very distressed and had advised her to see his medical officer. He made an appointment for October 24, but she failed to keep it. When he and his wife visited Mrs Horton later that day, she was in the process of packing her bags to return to England, as she said she could not stand the noise from the nearby flats any longer.

He had then produced the medical certificate to give her confidence. He asked her to return to visit his medical officer

on October 26, but she again failed to do so. The form passed through the usual Army channels, and later it was found to be false.

Compassion

There was no question of Nowell having forged anyone's signature, Mr Golby said. He had signed it with his usual signature and written underneath: "For Capt. Smith, Medical Officer."

Mr Golby said that Nowell's wife had had mental trouble before, and he felt that this was the reason for Nowell's feeling of compassion towards Mrs Horton.

The President of the court was Major H.K. A. Leslie, of the Seaforth Highlanders, and other Officer Members were Captain H. B. Moore, RAOC, and Lieut R. J. M. Porter, RA.

The findings and sentence of the court are subject to confirmation.

No Date For Hearing

Two unemployed men, Li Kam, 24, and Lai Tuen, 26, pleaded not guilty before Mr Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr at the Criminal Session this morning to two charges of robbery with aggravation and using a firearm to resist arrest.

The case was then adjourned for a date to be fixed, for hearing.

The two men were alleged to have robbed a police constable, Wan Kau-chai, of a revolver and five rounds of ammunition on September 7. They were also alleged to have used the revolver to resist arrest.

Government Appointments Gazetted

The following appointments and promotions have been announced in the Government Gazette this morning:

Mr P. J. Clough to Senior Superintendent of Police.
Mr Stanley Arthur Barden to be Engineer, Public Works Department.
Mr Thomas Henry Messenger to be Assistant Controller of Posts.

Mr L. W. Crw to be Acting Chief Assessor.
Mr John Lawrence Champion to be Superintendent of Police.

Mr Gerald Anthony Fairfax to be Acting Secretary, Medical and Health Department.

Miss J. E. Rowe has been appointed to be an Inspector of Schools.

Mr P. R. Springall resumed duty as Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court, on return from leave.

Mr J. R. Oliver ceased to act as Deputy Registrar, Supreme Court, on resumption of duty by Mr Springall.

Mr W. J. Darby resumed duty as Chief Assessor, Inland Revenue Department, on return from leave.

Mr F. E. Rainbow ceased to act as Chief Assessor, Inland Revenue Department, on resumption of duty by Mr Darby.

Miss S. Benford, Mr Cheung Shiu-kwai, Mr Cheung Shing-ling and Mr Tam Kwok-wing ceased to be Inspectors of Schools.

Struck Off

The Bond Brothers and Co. (Hongkong), Ltd., and the Tai Ching Shipping Corporation (1952) Ltd., have been struck off the register and the companies dissolved, the Government Gazette notified today.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE

by Our Own Correspondent

Business done at the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately \$545,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
HSK Bank	1070	1060	43 @ 10.70
East Asia	173		
INSURANCES	85 1/2		50 @ 86 1/2
Union			300 @ 87
Lombard	38 7/8		
SUIFING			
Waterboat	25.70	5.65	333 @ 5.68
Wheelock	5.63	140	110 @ 129
K. Wharf	135		
Dock	36		
Provision	16.38	160	21.23 @ 16.20
Takco	28.75	39 1/2	350 @ 28.75
LAND, ETC.			
Hotel	32.25	33	
HSK Land	37.75	70	203 @ 73
Shing-shreys	29		
Realty	1.27 1/2	1.40	12029 @ 1.40
RUBBER			
Amalg	3.75	3.825	5000 @ 3.80
			2200 @ 3.83
Trust	3 1/2		
UTILITIES	4.70		5620 @ 4.70
Trans	31.75	32 7/8	
Star Ferry	120	122	
Yau-mai	120	121	50 @ 123
			100 @ 124
C. Light XD	19.30	19 1/2	200 @ 19.30
			300 @ 19.33
			7000 @ 19.40
			1000 @ 19.45
Electric	25.10	25.20	
New	23.70		
Macao E.	11.20		
Telephone	39.75	31	400 @ 31
			2550 @ 30.75
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	37.75	38 1/2	1150 @ 38
Amoy Can	32	37 1/2	
STONES, ETC.			
Dai	20.40	20.70	520 @ 20.40
			1020 @ 20 1/2
Watson	10.40	10.14	
	25 1/2	25.70	1000 @ 25.63
COTTONS	8.75		1000 @ 8.80
Nanyang XD	13.90		
MISCELLANEOUS			
Vibro	14.70		603 @ 15
INVESTMENTS			
Int	6.25	6.45	
Allied	5.05		

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:

U.S. dollars (per \$1)	5.60
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.84
Australian notes (per £1)	17.40
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	2.70
Siam ticals (per 100)	24.06
Singapore (Straits)	1.01

Off To Meet Her New Parents



A six-year-old orphan girl who has been adopted by an American couple left Hongkong this morning for New York by Boac. Her new parents, Mr and Mrs G. Petersen of New York adopted the young girl from the International Social Services Organisation. She is Wong Lan who was farewelled at the airport by Mrs M. Ashby (second from right) and Mrs Jan Olivier, both social service officials in Hongkong.

Actress Entered Colony Illegally

A 19-year-old film actress this morning was fined \$500 at Central on a charge of illegal entry into Hongkong and cautioned on a charge of remaining in the Colony without permission.

Foo Chin-moon, alias Pei Lang, alias Choi Pui-wah, of 5 Granville Circuit, ground floor, pleaded guilty before Mr T. L. Yung.

Mr D. N. E. Rea, Crown Counsel, said the actress illegally entered the Colony on November 11 from Formosa and when she went to the Registration of Persons for an identity card, she was found to be an alien.

Mr Rea said that when she entered the Colony, she did not obtain an entry permit from the Immigration Officer and she had remained in the Colony without permission.

Mr Benjamin Liu, instructed by Mr S. L. Wong of M. K. Lam and Co., appeared for defendant and told the Magistrate to take into consideration his client's age.

"This is a very painful lesson to a young girl like her. She regrets and is sorry for what she did."

The Magistrate sentenced her to a fine of \$500 and cautioned her on a charge of remaining in the Colony without permission.

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THE MIKADO WAS A BRILLIANT SUCCESS

By D. E. GRAY

Full marks to the Hongkong Singers, W. B. Foster and Father Sheridan for their glittering presentation of the Mikado at Loke Yew Hall last night. This was a night of nights, and the best evening's entertainment I have enjoyed during my six years in the Colony. It shows what can be done with amateur effort, given goodwill, co-operation and sound direction.

It will be impossible to talk about each individual performance in this cast of players—all of which were of a very high order—but we really must pay special attention to Rae Obittas, as Ko-Ko, whose acting and spontaneity played a not inconsiderable part in setting and sustaining the tone of the opera through its entirety.

From the moment of his first entrance, Ko-Ko captivated the audience. We have long been familiar with Mr Obittas' talent as an actor and producer, but in this role, with all the licence that goes with it, his genius really shone. One never quite knew what was coming next, but whatever it was, it was always funny.

Difficult Role

Beryl Fairley as Katisha had a very difficult role. One instinctively thinks of the gross, terrifying "ballets" with stentorian contralto voice, who has carried this part in the numerous productions over the years. Beryl Fairley did not have a big enough voice, nor did she look quite the part. But no matter, she carried it off well.

John McLeod, as Pish-Tush, Roger Pennells as Nanki-Poo, and Annette Mills as Yam-Yum, were the only principals with trained voices and they were admirably chosen for their respective parts, but it is amazing how little the others, (A. T. B. Barden, Posh-Bah, Ko-Ko by Ilae Obittas, and the Mikado himself, by A. McGowan), needed trained singing, in order to put over the characterization.

The costumes, wig, and set designed by Pipa Westerhout were masterpieces of perfection—no detail was missing. And the lighting was particularly effective.

The orchestra was a mixture. The string players and the clarinet came from the Hongkong Philharmonic Orchestra. The remaining woodwind and brass all appeared to be Police bandmen, and considering the limited amount of rehearsal time they had, it was a remarkably fine orchestra.

Most Suitable

Sullivan's music, of course, does not involve any sustained breadth of tone; short, staccato notes from everyone is the order of the day throughout, and is most suitable for amateur instrumentalists and visiting bandmen.

Why is Mr Foster, the Musical Director, not given far more opportunity to engage in purely orchestral music in Hongkong? He makes a first-class job of training every body of players he is asked to direct, and his tempo and beat are most refreshing to listen to and watch.

Let us hope we have more Gilbert and Sullivan and that next time the Hongkong Philharmonic Society will join forces with the Hongkong Singers.

There is nothing but the most enthusiastic praise for this production in its entirety. It is a pity that it was not possible to play for more than three nights for many of the public will be unable to see it, since all performances are sold out. I could see it again myself—I had a ticket.

Orchestra Pit

Gilbert and Sullivan is obviously what Hongkong art societies can do and do well, and in the new City Hall, I trust that the architects have allowed for an orchestra pit in their plans—it is quite impossible to create a proper theatre atmosphere by roping off the first few rows of seats for the orchestra. And there is no use saying that we will never do opera—we have just done it, and done it well.

From the Files

25 years AGO

December, 1934

THREE members of the Japanese Royal Family are expected to visit Hongkong while en route to Australia in the course of a Japanese Imperial Naval cruise.

The Royal trio are on board the cruisers Yakumo and Asama, which are under the command of Rear-Admiral Kamesaburo Murakami. The training squadron left Tsingtao for Shanghai today, where they will be entertained by members of the Japanese community. In addition they will also inspect the city.

After they leave Shanghai, the squadron will proceed in leisurely stages to Hongkong, which port they are expected to reach by the end of February.

Prince Asakura Kuni is chief runner aboard the Yakumo and Princes Tadachiko Asaka and Hirohito Fushimi are naval cadets on their first cruise aboard the Asama.

The squadron will pay a casual visit to Hongkong en route to Australia as part of training exercises.

Further restrictions on the supply of water on the island are to come into force as from tomorrow.

The revised hours of supply will be from 6 a.m. to 11 a.m. and from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. Kowloon is not affected by this curtailment.

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